

## Bottomley sets targets to cut heart disease and cancer

By JEREMY LAURANCE  
AND JILL SHERMAN

A STRATEGY to give Britons longer, healthier lives, with a particular emphasis on cutting deaths from heart disease and cancer, was unveiled by Virginia Bottomley yesterday.

The health secretary's white paper, *The Health of the Nation*, sets specific targets for reducing the number of people killed by lung, breast and cervical cancer; heart attack and stroke; fatal accidents among the young and elderly; and the number of suicides within the next 20 years. It also aims to halve pregnancies among girls under 16.

For the first time, health authorities will be judged in terms of lives saved or

- Cut deaths from heart disease and stroke among people under 65 by 40 per cent by 2000.
- Reduce the number of breast cancer deaths by 25 per cent and cervical cancer deaths by 20 per cent by 2000.
- Cut the suicide rate by 15 per cent by 2000.

improved rather than on the number of operations performed. Describing the targets as "challenging, but achievable", Mrs Bottomley said: "We have been adding years to life. The health strategy is about adding life to years."

The white paper marks the government's official recognition that policies in areas such as employment, housing, education and food have an impact on health. It

- Reduce the number of men killed by lung cancer by 30 per cent and women by 15 per cent by 2010.
- Reduce the rate of fatal accidents among children under 15 and people over 64 by 33 per cent by 2005.
- Halve pregnancies among girls under 16 by 2000.

acknowledges that although the NHS is central, other organisations have a role to play in the nation's health. A ministerial cabinet committee covering 11 government departments will oversee implementation of the strategy, which immediately came under attack for failing to address poverty or ban tobacco advertising.

Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, welcomed the government's decision

to opt for tougher targets than outlined in last year's green paper, but he said Mrs Bottomley had come up with "the right diagnosis but not the right prescription". There was no new initiative on sex education and not a penny more for family planning. The government had refused to introduce random breath testing or bring back free eye tests and dental checks.

The links between poverty and poor diet,

suicide and respiratory disease were missing from the white paper because the government would have had to admit that by increasing inequality it had increased ill health, he argued. Mrs Bottomley refused to admit that poverty was a single cause of ill health but accepted that "there is an association between a great number of social factors and health outcomes".

Turning to smoking, Mr Cook said it was the single biggest cause of preventable disease and demanded to know why the government was still ducking a commitment to banning tobacco advertising. Pressed by Liz Lynne for the Liberal Democrats on same subject, Mrs

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## Europe set to send fleet to Yugoslavia

FROM IAN MURRAY IN MUNICH AND TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

EUROPEAN defence ministers are expected to agree tomorrow to send warships to the Adriatic but not to enforce sanctions against Serbia.

Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, will represent Britain at a meeting of the Western European Union (WEU), which will be held at the Helsinki summit of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

John Major announced yesterday that HMS *Nottingham*, a Type 42 destroyer, has been put on standby for deployment in the region, but Douglas Hurd made plain that Britain's involvement would not go beyond that.

Speaking in Strasbourg, the foreign secretary said he envisaged "military action only in a humanitarian context".

The deployment of warships, which is likely to include French and American vessels, would be largely symbolic since little illicit traffic reaches the so-called Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, made up of Serbia and Montenegro, by sea. It would, however, be marched by international pressure on Romania to stop supplying Serbia with oil, and possibly the stationing of United Nations observers in Romania. Bucharest has told the UN Security Council that it intends to enforce the embargo, but it will suffer about \$3 billion (£1.56 billion) losses this year as a result.

The WEU meeting to decide on plans for air and sea protection for relief convoys into Bosnia-Herzegovina follows the decision made by the Group of Seven industrialised nations on Tuesday to back the use of force to ensure that aid gets through. The WEU has no forces of its own, however, and Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said yesterday that NATO would be asked to help if the plan were implemented.

Mr Major made plain that no action could be taken until a new resolution had been passed by the security council. He said that the *Nottingham* was ready to help log ships in the Adriatic to check if sanctions were being broken. "For it to go further and stop and search, which conceivably could be at a later stage in the operation, would I think require a further UN



Rock steady: John Major, President Mitterrand, Boris Yeltsin, and Helmut Kohl pose Mount Rushmore-style at the Munich summit yesterday

### G7 agrees on aid for Yeltsin

FROM ROBIN OAKLEY  
AND IAN MURRAY  
IN MUNICH

THE G7 leaders yesterday backed Boris Yeltsin's reform programme after which he pledged that it would be irreversible by the time his presidency of Russia ended in 1996.

The G7 summit ensured that Mr Yeltsin did not leave the G7 plus 1 meeting empty-handed as Mikhail Gorbachev had done a year before by endorsing the unlocking of a billion-dollar credit from the International Monetary Fund and a generous attitude by the Paris Club to the debt repayment of the former Soviet Union's debt repayments.

After a three-hour meeting, Mr Yeltsin was given communal blessing of the G7 with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor and host, talking of a "comprehensive and lasting relationship" between the G7 nations and Russia.

He dismissed suggestions that he could fall victim to a

putsch from the forces of national communism, saying:

"There is no basis for such fears because Russia is res-

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The French court had re-



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### Tories to reform Sunday trading

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW laws aimed at sweeping away Sunday trading restrictions are expected to be framed by the government before the end of the year.

Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, is expected to rush forward the latest attempt to reform the outdated legislation after a European legal judgment yesterday paved the way for a clampdown on stores currently breaking the law.

Mr Clarke is expected to announce his plans in the autumn and introduce legislation early next year, risking confrontation with the opponents of relaxation who defeated Margaret Thatcher six years ago.

The Conservative party conference in October is ex-

pected to provide the launchpad for the reforms. The home secretary will act with John Major's full backing because yesterday's ruling, expected to be confirmed by the European Court of Justice in September, has given councils freedom to launch prosecutions against stores who contravene the confused mass of restrictions.

Some ministers were hoping that the ruling would go the other way and find that Sunday trading was a matter for EC law, effectively allowing the present free-for-all to go on indefinitely.

Yesterday's decision by the advocate-general of the Luxembourg court means that there is now little alternative for ministers but to come

up with their own reforms. Mr Clarke, and his deputy Peter Lloyd, also a strong advocate of liberalisation, will act as quickly as possible, once the September ruling is out of the way, to prevent further prosecutions. Mr Major has called the present legislation bizarre.

They know that they are entering a minefield. The demise of the last government bill at its second reading was Mrs Thatcher's most serious defeat in her 11 years as prime minister.

But they believe that the change in the composition of the Commons, with many diehard Tory opponents having retired at the election, and the growing confusion surrounding the trading laws,

means that a new attempt at reform is now timely.

It is believed that Mr Clarke would prefer to scrap the 1950 Shops Act and allow complete deregulation. He

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### Girl, 9, allowed to defy French court

BY PETER VICTOR

THE appeal court has allowed a nine-year-old girl to choose to live with her mother in England, even though she was taken from her home in France contrary to a French court order. The judges said the girl's wishes should be paramount because she had argued her case in a "mature and rational manner".

The French court had ruled

stamp a separation agreement between her parents, giving the English mother custody so long as she continued to live in France and allowed the French father access. But the mother brought the child to Britain

and yesterday the father failed in his appeal against a High Court ruling that the child should stay here. His lawyers yesterday described the judgments as frightening,

saying they drove a coach and horses through the Child Abduction Act.

Evidence in support of the strength of the girl's wishes was given by a welfare officer and accepted by Mr Justice Ewbank, who said the girl had put forward "a mature and rational view which seems to be based on genuine and cogent reasons".

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### Crowds drive Crown Jewels out of the dungeon

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Crown Jewels are to be rehoused because their fortified bunker in the basement of the Waterloo barracks at the Tower of London can no longer cope with the numbers of tourists.

David Mellor, secretary of state for cultural heritage, confirmed last night that the jewels would be moved to a new purpose-built exhibition centre on a ground floor of the Tower, to be ready by Easter 1994. The present display, opened in 1967, cannot deal with the visitors, who last year numbered nearly two million.

The £10 million centre, to be built above the present subterranean display rooms, is to be funded entirely out of box office receipts. Entrance to the Tower has risen to £6.40 per adult. In future visitors will be guided through an introductory exhibition



The Crown Jewels: not insured explaining the history of the jewels, which although generally believed to be of great antiquity are in fact largely Victorian remodellings of earlier pieces. There are, however, some priceless individual stones, including

the Koh-i-Noor and pieces of the Cullinan diamond, and the Black Prince's ruby, reputed to have been worn in Henry V's circlet at Agincourt. The world's most valuable collection of jewellery has never been insured, because no one can calculate its worth.

The display will also include video footage of the state opening of parliament when the Queen wears the Imperial State Crown.

This new exhibition will greatly increase the visitor's understanding and appreciation of these world-famous treasures." Mr Mellor said in a speech during a dinner to celebrate the reopening of the state apartments at Hampton Court Palace by the Queen yesterday. This follows a £13 million restoration project, the largest of its kind undertaken in Britain, to restore the apartments following the 1986 fire. The magnificently

reconstructed wing reopens to the public today.

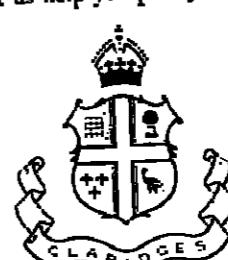
While the Crown Jewels are given a new home, the Tower's other major museum is to move out entirely. Mr Mellor disclosed last night that the government would contribute £20 million towards moving the Royal Armouries, the collection of weapons and armour that occupies much of the historic White Tower, to a new home to be built at Clarence Dock, Leeds. That move would also be funded out of gate receipts and a matching private sector investment.

Moving the Crown Jewels to their new home will cause some security worries, but they have been stolen only once before. In 1671 the notorious Irish rogue Captain Blood snatched them from their previous home in the Wakefield Tower, but was apprehended and dropped the crown of England in the gutter.

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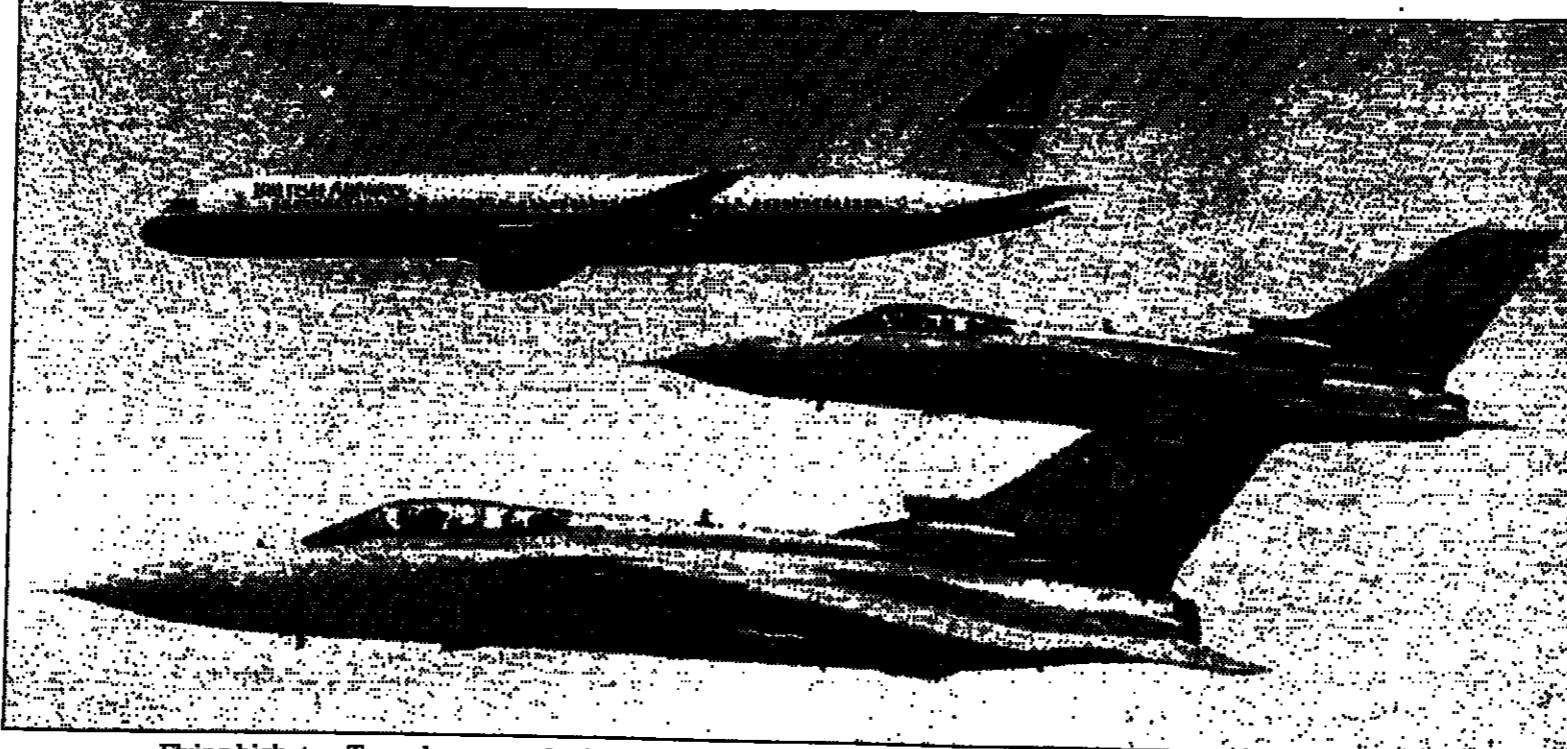
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## RAF goes on escort duty

PASSENGERS on a British Airways jet had an RAF fighter escort as their Boeing 757 flew at 28,000ft yesterday from London to Newcastle.

On schedule at 1.15pm, two Tornados from 5 Squadron at Coningsby, Lincolnshire, "intercepted" flight BA 5950 north of Clacton, Essex. The airline was the five millionth customer of the RAF's Eastern radar unit and yesterday's rendezvous was a special event to mark the occasion.

The radar unit is manned by the RAF at West Drayton, west London, as part of the National Air Traffic Service. When the service started in 1966 the team handled 50 civil flights a month. Now the figure is about 2,800.



Flying high: two Tornados escort the five millionth aircraft handled by the RAF radar unit at West Drayton

## Judge opens door to prosecution of Sunday trade shops

COUNCILS in England and Wales prepared to renew their purge on Sunday trading yesterday after a European Court judge refused to declare the Shops Act to be in breach of EC law.

The Advocate General of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, Walter Van Gerven, ruled it was for English courts to decide whether Sunday trading restrictions interfered with the right to free trade with the Community.

If, as is widely expected, the opinion is confirmed by the full court later this year, it will be up to the British government to overhaul the Sunday trading laws, something ministers had hoped to avoid.

In the meantime, the ruling will give fresh heart to the hundreds of local authorities who have delayed prosecutions of supermarkets and DIY stores pending a ruling by the European court.

Supermarkets said yesterday that they would continue to open on Sundays. A Safeway spokesman said: "The UK law remains confused and unclear. We will continue to accede to the clear and growing demand of our customers to shop on Sundays."

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**Frances Gibb,  
Douglas Broom  
and Tom Walker  
assess yesterday's  
European Court  
judgment**

The European court by the House of Lords in which Stoke-on-Trent and Norwich city councils sought injunctions against B&Q, the DIY chain, alleging breaches of the 1950 act.

Both city councils described the Advocate-General's opinion as "a vindication of our actions in upholding the law". A joint statement said: "We are delighted with this move. Today's guidance to the court justifies the stance we have long adopted and will in due course rectify the wholly unsatisfactory state of affairs which exists in the English courts and which has allowed some retailers to trade at considerable profit in breach of the law."

The Advocate General said: "Legislation of a member state which prohibits shops from opening on Sundays pursues an objective which is justified under Community law."

B&Q, which had argued that the 1950 Shops Act infringed the right of free trade with the EC, said that there would be years of legal wrangling in the English courts if the European court followed Mr Van Gerven's decision.

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## Shops law shake-up

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accepts, however, that this may not be possible and that there might have to be replacement law providing safeguards for shopworkers and stipulating limits on hours and the size and type of shops that can open.

Mr Clarke also wants to announce his plans before a private member's bill to reform the law in a restrictive way comes before the Commons early in the new year. Ray Powell, Labour MP for Gognore, has tabled a bill that

David Ramsden, the company's controller of retail services, said: "The shops act is a product which is past its sell-by date but still unwanted and decaying on the shelf. Surely the responsibility for reform of this outdated and unpopular act lies with the government?"

The final verdict will not be given before September and it will then be for the House of Lords to determine the issue, taking into account the views of the European Court judges.

Yesterday's opinion effectively leaves it to national courts to determine the scale of disruption to intra-Community trade caused by Sunday closing, but makes clear that restrictions are justified "in proportion to the objective pursued".

The objective of Sunday closing, the British government argued in court, is to protect the cultural life of the nation and preserve "sociocultural characteristics" of work patterns.

Michael Schuster, director of the Keep Sunday Special campaign, said: "All EC countries, and many other countries as well, uphold the special nature of Sunday. This opinion merely confirms the massive pro-Sunday consensus and removes the smokescreen put up by B&Q and its wealthy friends."

William MacKay, chairman of the Association of District Councils' environment committee, said that the ruling would encourage councils to reopen cases adjourned pending a final decision.

Tom Yellowley, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' consumer affairs committee, said that in spite of yesterday's ruling the law remained unpopular and unenforceable. "We need urgent legislation which tidies up existing anomalies and recognises the public's preference for Sunday shopping but which also protects local residents and shopworkers," he said.

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## University graduates favoured over pols

BY JOHN O'LEARY  
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YOUNG people are reading the market accurately in opting for university degrees in ever-increasing numbers while shunning training schemes, academics have found.

Researchers at Cambridge University and the London School of Economics found that university graduates earn substantially more than those from polytechnics. People who do not go on to higher education, however, do little to increase earning power by joining vocational training programmes.

Six years after graduation, those with university language degrees earn £3,600 more than polytechnic counterparts. The average university graduate's salary is £1,250 ahead of the polytechnic figure. Only in vocational subjects are polytechnic graduates better paid.

The study analysed the 1986 earnings of 2,788 people who graduated in 1980. High A-level scores carried through into top salaries for university graduates but had no discernible effect on polytechnic graduates' income.

University graduates who attended independent schools earned most, with an average 16.5 per cent improvement on average incomes over the first six years in employment.

Martin Weale, an economist at Clare College, Cambridge, said: "The differences between the earnings of university and polytechnic graduates might be due to discrimination against polytechnic graduates by employers. It is possible that employers pay less simply because they believe that polytechnic graduates are less useful."

A second survey by two LSE professors and a research officer finds that male students from unskilled households derive the greatest financial benefits from higher education.

They stand to earn 25 per cent more than they could expect without a degree.

The surveys, which appear in the latest edition of the *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, conclude that the financial benefits of taking a degree are not as great as the government has assumed.

## Major demands Docklands move

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister has ordered cabinet members to redouble their efforts to relocate civil servants at Canary Wharf or another site in the London Docklands.

The decision was taken at a cabinet committee chaired by Lord Wakeham, the Lord's leader, after a first trawl of Whitehall departments found few takers for a move down river from Westminster.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, has announced plans to transfer 2,000 officials from his department's headquarters in Victoria, which are to be demolished. He is studying Canary Wharf and three other Docklands sites.

But other Whitehall departments have strongly resisted the idea and John Major and Lord Wakeham have been forced to put more pressure on colleagues and their senior officials.

The disclosures came as Downing Street confirmed that the Canary Wharf administrators are trying to persuade the government to buy a building at Olympia & York's failed property development.

Ministerial sources said that the offer complicated the picture. While the government would be able to acquire a prime building at a bargain price, it would have to put the money up front. They predicted that in the light of the

The second trawl for potential candidates for a move will concentrate on three prime targets — David Mellor's national heritage department, John MacGregor's transport department and Michael Heseltine's trade department. Mr Mellor is looking for a permanent home for his department but is said to be "bopping mad" and firmly opposed to a base in Docklands. Mr MacGregor is said to be dragging his feet even though his department does need to find new accommodation.

## Ulster talks will go on next week

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TALKS on the future of Northern Ireland will continue in Belfast next week in spite of accusations of stories being leaked to the media, which slightly marred the third and final day of the London talks.

After bitter exchanges at the start of yesterday's session, Irish ministers are understood to have come under pressure to disclose how far they are willing to repeat or amend the republic's constitutional claim to Northern Ireland.

Although the Dublin team, led by the deputy premier John Wilson, has agreed that the claim can be discussed during the talks, sources close to the negotiations confirmed that little progress was made.

James Molynaux, leader of the official Ulster Unionists, said that it was much too early to talk about possible resolutions to the troubles.

## Man charged with 1978 murder

An unemployed labourer was remanded in custody by Derby magistrates yesterday charged with the murder of Lynn Siddons, 16, who was found strangled and stabbed 41 times beside a canal 14 years ago. Michael Brookes, 47, of Orton, Peterborough, was accused of murdering the teenager from Derby between April 3 and 9, 1978. The girl's body was discovered in underground next to the Trent and Mersey Canal at Barrow upon Trent, Derbyshire, six days after she disappeared from the home she shared with her grandmother in Sinfin, Derby. Roger Exley, for the Crown Prosecution Service, asked for Mr Brookes to be remanded in custody. Simon King, for Mr Brookes, applied for bail for his client but after an adjournment the magistrates said they had decided to refuse bail. Mr Brookes appeared in the dock for the 40-minute hearing conducted by a police officer, but he did not speak. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

## UDA admit killing

The legal loyalist paramilitary organisation, the Ulster Defence Association, said yesterday that it killed Cyril Murray, 51, a retired Roman Catholic primary school teacher. It claimed he had helped in the targeting of Norman McKeown who was killed by an IRA booby-trap bomb at Dumbarton near Belfast in October 1988. Mr Murray died early yesterday morning when three masked men burst into his home in east Belfast and shot him. Senior police sources dismissed the UDA allegations about Mr Murray and said they believed the UDA's first killing in 10 weeks was purely sectarian. John Alderdice, leader of the Alliance party who is taking part in the talks at Lancaster House in London, said Mr Murray's killers were trying to create a climate of fear, distrust and suspicion.

## Doctor stole clothes

A Greek doctor caught shoplifting in London within 48 hours of his arrival was told by a magistrate yesterday. "The sooner you go home the better. And I hope very much that you do not come back." Mr John Nichols, stipendiary magistrate at Marlborough Street court, fined Ioannis Kalogeropoulos, 30, a radiologist, £150 with £25 costs and ordered him to pay the money immediately or spend a week in custody. Kalogeropoulos admitted stealing a £5.99 belt from Debenhams in Oxford Street on Monday and a £45 shirt from Selfridges. He had £300 cash in his wallet at the time. Mr Nichols told Kalogeropoulos: "It is quite disgraceful. A professional man who arrived in this country on Saturday and within 48 hours you were thieving, and then calmly expect to be able to leave 24 hours after that. I'm not sure that you should, but it's probably in the interest of the British taxpayers that you do leave — and the sooner the better."

## London transport aid

Government attempts to ease London's transport difficulties were given a boost yesterday with the creation of a working group responsible for improving the co-ordination of public transport. The group, to be chaired by Steven Norris, the junior transport minister, will include representatives from all rail, tube, and bus operators, as well as passenger committees.

## Sea search called off

A rescue operation for the occupants of a small fishing boat found drifting unoccupied in the Bristol Channel was called off last night after coastguards were told that the vessel went adrift from Tenby, Dyfed, last weekend. Coastguards had not been informed that *The Springtail* was missing and the discovery of the boat off Lundy Island yesterday prompted an air-sea search over 300 square miles of the Channel.

## Coast strategy agreed

The government is to move towards a national strategy for the coastline. It announced yesterday that it accepts the need for a national coastal policy to reconcile the increasingly conflicting demands from development pressures, tourism and recreation, fishing and nature conservation. The announcement came in a formal response to a report from the Commons select committee on the environment, which took the government to task for the confusion it said existed in coastal zone planning. The government will encourage management plans for vulnerable areas such as estuaries, and is to consider the extension out to sea of the planning system, currently reaching only to the shore line, which would make possible local authority control of water sports and pleasure craft, as well as activities on the seabed.

## £4.1m for Rembrandt

A Rembrandt portrait owned by Lord Rosebery sold for £4.1 million at Sotheby's in London yesterday to a millionaire collector from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is building a collection of 17th-century Dutch pictures. The portrait of Johannes Uytenbogaert (detail, left) had been in the Rosebery family for 130 years and was sold to finance repairs and improvements at Dalmeny House, the family home near Edinburgh. The picture had been on a world tour before the auction.

## Pill death warning

A coroner is to ask the health department to warn all doctors and hospitals of the dangers of paracetamol following the death of a woman from liver failure after she took about 20 tablets of a type of Anadin for a headache. Michael Collett, the Northampton coroner, heard that doctors at Northampton General Hospital who treated Jayne Brookes, 22, a shop manager, consulted a pharmaceutical directory that listed only one type of Anadin and said it did not contain paracetamol. In fact there were five kinds of the painkilling tablet and some did contain it. A verdict of accidental death was recorded. Ray Daniels, a consultant at the hospital, said he had since contacted the British National Formulary, which publishes a guide for doctors. Details about Anadin brands would be included from October.

## Six million visit park

More than six million people visited the Yorkshire Dales National Park in the year to the end of March, spending an estimated £45 million and supporting 1,850 jobs in the area, a survey by PA Cambridge Economic Consultants has shown. August was the park's busiest month, with almost 1,200,000 visitors, more than 80,000 of whom were there on August bank holiday. Cars made up nearly 98 per cent of all the vehicles in the park for leisure purposes and carried 86 per cent of visitors. Brian Handley, director of the Yorkshire and Humberside Tourist Board, which coordinated the survey, said yesterday that the results would be used to plan visitor management to avoid overcrowding, to ease the strain on the most popular areas and to extend the season where possible.

## MAUREEN'S STORY

"I never guessed the insurance company would check up on my claim. It was only for £900. I found it quite easy to prepare bogus invoices from my doctor and specialist, for treatment I never had. But I must have got the medical details wrong. They were soon on to me and the claim was carefully checked and found to be made up. With the insurance evidence the police prosecuted and I've now got a criminal record."

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# Lawyers hail ruling that gave tug-of-love girl a say on custody

BY PETER VICTOR AND MICHAEL HORSNELL

LAWYERS representing the needs of children said yesterday that the Court of Appeal decision to allow a nine-year-old girl to stay in England in defiance of a French separation agreement and against the wishes of her father was welcome and significant.

The Children's Legal Centre in London said that the decision was an important move towards accepting that the wishes of a child in an international tug-of-love dispute are paramount.

The decision was based on the judges' view that there were exceptional reasons why the girl should be allowed to stay.

The father sought the girl's return under the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, which incorporates the Hague convention on child custody into UK law. He said that the mother's removal of the girl was wrongful under article three of the convention and that the court was bound *prima facie* to order her return to France under article 12.

Article 13 of the 1985 Act says that the child taken from

its home country to another country should always be returned unless there is a grave risk that its return would expose the child to physical or psychological harm or otherwise place the child in an intolerable situation. The court could refuse to return a child "if it finds that the child objects to being returned and has attained an age and degree of maturity at which it is appropriate to take account of its views".

Lords Justices Glidewell and Bonham agreed.

Nicola Wyld, of the Children's Legal Centre, which represents the interests of children in legal and policy matters, said: "We are concerned that children who have the maturity or sufficient understanding to express a view should be listened to. Our experience is that this doesn't happen as often as it should. The judgment was a good one."

"The courts have tended to take a restrictive view, and it has been virtually impossible to get the child's views taken into account. The courts are far more likely to err against bucking what a child is saying. In this case, the child's objections to being returned to France were valid. This is as it should be because, where a child objects, the court should not have to send the child back. Children vary enormously, but those of nine and ten can be very mature."

Richard Sax, of the Solicitors Family Law Association, agreed that the judgment appeared to drive a coach and horses through the Hague agreement. "I'm surprised that the court reached that decision," he said. "There must have been strong particular reasons which the judges would have considered extremely important."

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## Surgeon will have Aids tests

BY NICHOLAS WATT

THE eye surgeon who allegedly carried out 140 operations while infected with the Aids virus denied yesterday that he had knowingly put patients at risk, but agreed to undergo health checks before returning to work.

A newspaper alleged on Sunday that Peter Curran, 45, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, had operated for a year knowing that he was infected with the virus. However, in a statement issued yesterday by Bexley Health Authority Mr Curran said: "In 20 years of practice I have never knowingly, by act or omission, exposed any patient to any needless risk."

Jim Rumens, deputy chief executive of Queen Mary's, said: "We have been disappointed with Mr Curran because he did not keep in touch. We had to force contact out of him. We said he must have the checks because of the allegations."

Mr Rumens ruled out disciplinary action against Mr Curran. "As long as he operated professionally I don't think there is a problem," he said. The statement did not say whether Mr Curran was infected with the Aids virus.

Mr Curran approached Queen Mary's through his solicitor after hundreds of people, who thought he had operated on them, phoned the hospital. He went on leave last week and was reported to be away from his home in Kennington, south London.

Even if the tests show that Mr Curran has the virus, Mr Rumens said that he could resume his work. "Ophthalmic surgery is one of the least risks and there is no medical reason why he should not carry on as long as he follows the British Medical Association's guidelines," he said. "These state that doctors are 'under an obligation' not to practise if they are HIV-positive and would put patients at risk."

## French skipper fined

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL  
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A FRENCH trawler skipper was fined £1,500 by magistrates at Haverfordwest, Dyfed, yesterday for using illegal fishing gear in the Bristol Channel. Jean-Marc Vaillant was also ordered to pay £400 in costs and to surrender part of his net.

Crew from the Royal Navy mineminer *Sheraton* boarded M Vaillant's trawler, the 53 ft *Asvre*, on Tuesday 34 miles off St Ann's Head and escorted her to Milford Haven. The vessel was trawling in an area where European Community regulations stipulate a minimum mesh of 80 mm to prevent the capture of juvenile fish.

Richard Davies, the government's local fisheries inspector, told the court that the French nets contained a panel with an average mesh size only slightly above 70 mm. M Vaillant admitted that the court reached that decision, he said. "There must have been strong particular reasons which the judges would have considered extremely important."

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## Labour party chief cleared of assault

BY LIN JENKINS

LARRY Whitty, general secretary of the Labour party, was cleared yesterday of assaulting an armed policeman but convicted of jumping a red light on the night of the general election.

Mr Whitty was chased by a police armed response team while on his way to see Neil Kinnock at the party's headquarters in Walworth Road, south London, after he was approached at traffic lights by a policeman who mistakenly thought he might have been drinking.

Mr Whitty's defence counsel told the court yesterday that his client was "a very civilised, hard-working Frenchman" who had been unaware that members of his crew had mistakenly taken a piece of net with a smaller mesh than was allowed to repair holes.

Mr Whitty was cleared of assaulting PC Michael Ackrill. He was convicted of jumping a red light, was fined £50 and his licence endorsed.

PC Jonathan Bailey had told the court that he was in a marked police van when Mr Whitty was seen in a car swerving across Millbank, close to the Palace of Westminster early on April 10. He questioned him while he was stopped at the red light before he sped off. "At this point I thought he may have been a drunk driver," he said. He claimed he watched him swerve across the road and turn left without signalling.

Mr Whitty told the court that he had been abusive but had not assaulted anyone. He said: "I think I got halfway out of the car and I was pulled by one of the officers. One of them grabbed me under the arms. I was then very abusive to them because to my mind they had been very abusive."

Last year, according to the agriculture and fisheries ministry, 1,823 vessels were boarded, of which 137 were found to be committing offences. In 55 cases the infringements were so minor that the skippers were let off with a warning. British skippers accounted for 44 of the 82 successful prosecutions. Sixteen of the guilty boats were French, 9 Belgian, 4 Danish, 4 Spanish, 3 Dutch, 1 Irish and 1 Norwegian.

*Whitty jumped red light on election night*

## Poverty trap closes in on the young

Britain's young people face a bleak and recession-ridden future, says a survey. Louise Hidalgo analyses the statistics

per cent above the 9.6 per cent national average, and has risen by a quarter of a million in the past two years, the report says. Young jobless currently account for a third of the unemployed population, according to figures from Youthsouth, a research organisation.

Youthsouth calculates that in January this year 103,000 16 and 17-year-olds were out of work; under the government method of assessing youth unemployment the number was 7,433. "By government definition, 16 and 17-year-olds cannot be unemployed," Graham Hitchen, general secretary of the British Youth Council, said. "But there is growing recognition that some do slip through the net, and live without

any benefit for those not on a youth training scheme. The unemployment rate among the under-25s is



Stars together: Evelyn Laye is reunited with her former stage partner Sir John Mills at the London Palladium yesterday. Some of the best-loved names in theatre will gather at the Palladium on July 26 to celebrate the 77-year career of Miss Laye, and many others — Miss Laye is still working in the theatre.

## Tears, toasts and a last titter for Frankie Howerd

Sadness shared the limelight with smiles at Frankie Howerd's memorial service yesterday. Joe Joseph reports

EVERYONE from Cilla Black to Gyles Brandreth turned up at St Martin-in-the-Fields church in Trafalgar Square yesterday to toast the memory of Frankie Howerd, the comedian who, when once asked for his own favourite memory, replied indignantly: "It hasn't happened yet."

The most obvious absence was Howerd's silent stooge at the piano known to audiences as Madame Blanche Moore, but "known to me as Flossie. Known to Southend as Dockyard Dora — don't laugh — poor old soul — it's not funny yet — it might be one of your own".

Instead, as Cilla Black told the non-paying audience between her laughs and tears: "The delightful Vanessa Latarche will play one of Frank's favourite pieces of music, Chopin's Third Ballade in B Flat or A Flat, oh eck, I don't know what bloomin' key it's in."

In the crowd were colleagues, friends and gag writers. Barry Took and Barry Cryer, Ernie Wise and Esther Rantzen, Eric Sykes and June Whitfield, Michael Bentine and Nicholas Parsons.

Few who spoke of Howerd could resist aping his "oohs" and "aahs". His "No, please! It's not funny" his "Titter ye not... it's wicked to mock the afflicted" and "Herr missis, no, poor soul, she lives in a world of her own".

Cilla Black told how Howerd became a regular guest at Sunday night dinner at the Black household, always by invitation, often his own. Later, June Whitfield told how he became a pretty regular dinner guest chez Whitfield, again often at his own suggestion. It seems Howerd rarely went hungry.

Barry Cryer recalled meeting Howerd 40 years ago

when Cryer was at Leeds University and Howerd wasn't. Griff Rhys Jones worked with Howerd in the 1970s, in his early days as a producer in BBC radio comedy. He revealed that although Howerd took comedy very seriously, he could also speak for hours on the subjects of world history and great literature — though, as Griff Rhys Jones added, thankfully never in his company.

As Russ Conway took to the piano and the Graveney School Choir from Tooting, south London, joined him in a chorus of *Three Little Fishes*, the atmosphere had relaxed enough for Bruce Forsyth, next at the microphone, to approach the podium like a Palladium compere, urging a round of applause for the young singers.

Forsyth told his favourite Howerd anecdotes and tried his hand at a few "oohs" and "aahs". He also guessed how Howerd would have assessed his performance: "Dreadful!" All in all, quite an eisteddfod, as Howerd might say.

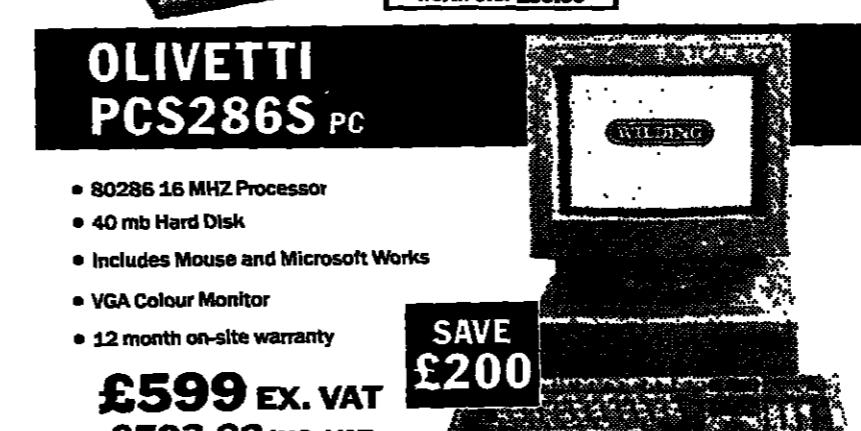


Rhys Jones: worked with Howerd in the 1970s

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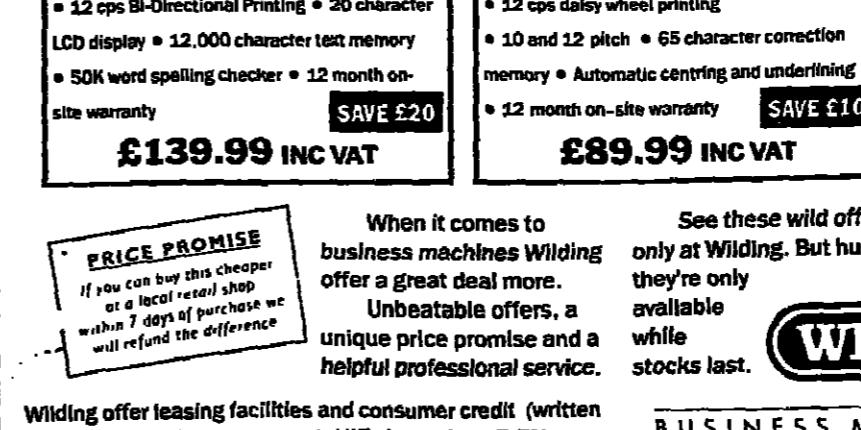
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## Shaughnessy murder trial

# Husband spent eve of wedding with lover

THE husband of Alison Shaughnessy admitted yesterday that he had spent the night before his wedding with the lover who is charged with stabbing his wife to death.

John Shaughnessy told the Old Bailey that he did not have sexual intercourse with Michelle Taylor. He said that they were in separate beds in his co. Kilkenny hotel room and that Miss Taylor had gone back to her own room after waking up on the day of the wedding in June 1990.

Mr Shaughnessy also told the court that he had played no part in his wife's death. On his second day in the witness box, he said that Miss Taylor had come in to his hotel room on the eve of his wedding "for a chat. It was pretty late. We had not had a chat before because there was a very large crowd in the reception," he said.

Richard Ferguson, QC, defending Miss Taylor, said: "I put it to you, you had sex with her on the morning of your wedding." Mr Shaughnessy replied: "No." Mr Shaugh-

nessy admitted having sexual intercourse with Miss Taylor intermittently before his wedding but said he could not remember when the last occasion had been.

He went as he denied any involvement in his wife's death. John Nutting, for the prosecution, then asked: "Did you murder her by knifing her 54 times in her body?" Mr Shaughnessy replied: "No."

The court has heard that Mr Shaughnessy continued the affair after his wedding. Miss Taylor, 21, and her sister Lisa, 18, both of Forest Hill, southeast London, deny murdering Mrs Shaughnessy on June 3 last year. The prosecution claims that Miss Taylor hatched a plot with her sister and then stabbed Mrs Shaughnessy 54 times in a jealous rage at her flat in Battersea, southwest London.

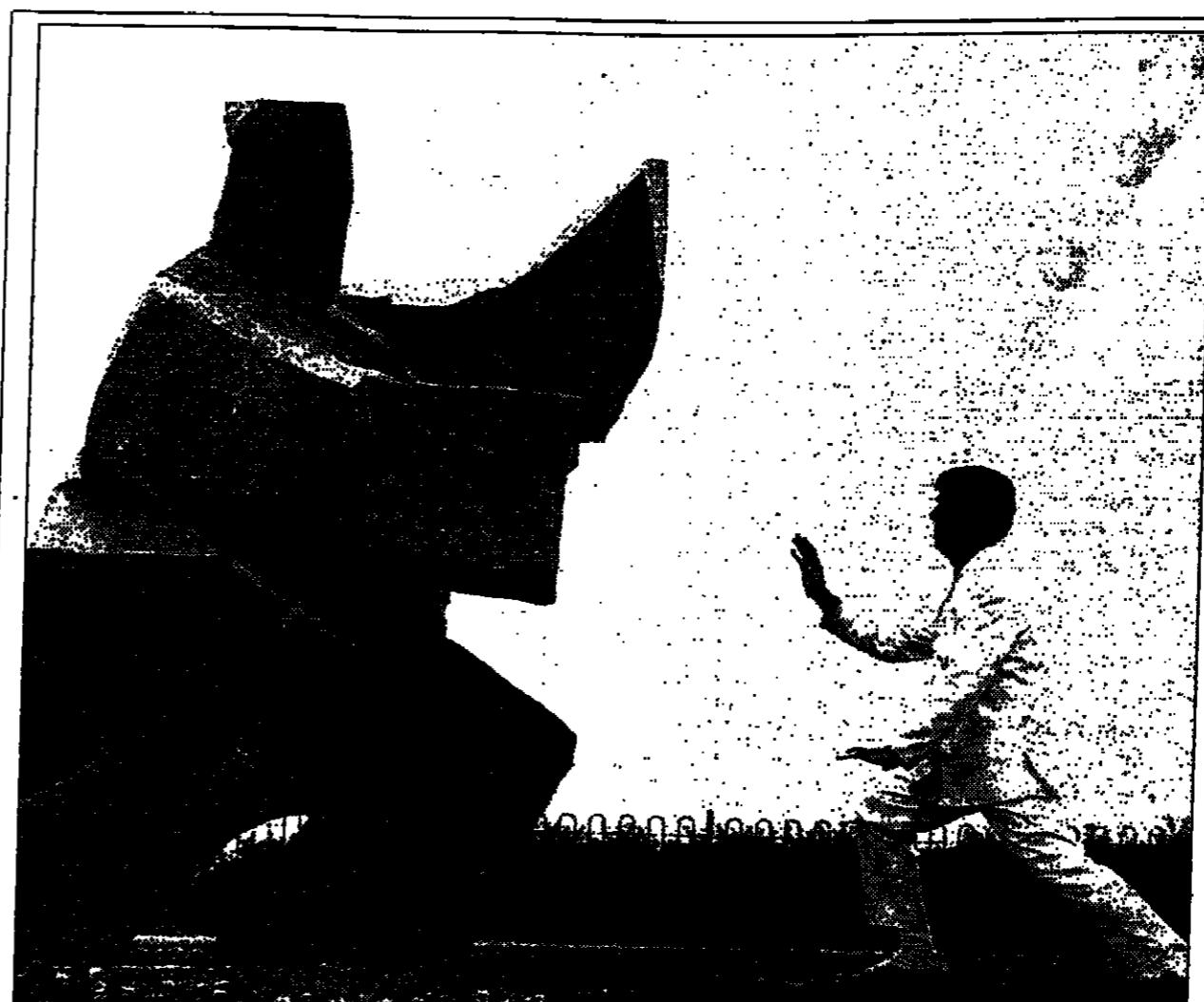
Mr Shaughnessy was asked by Baroness Mallalieu, QC, for Lisa Taylor, whether he had had sex with any other women during his marriage. He said he had not. Asked if

anyone had stood to benefit financially from his wife's death, he replied: "Certainly not." There was no insurance cover on her life, he said, but he conceded that as next-of-kin he had received an £18,000 pension.

Joan Williams, a credit controller at the Churchill clinic in south London where Mr Shaughnessy worked, said that she had feared that Miss Taylor's infatuation would "end in tears". In a statement read to the court, she said: "Michelle was constantly talking to him and was spending a lot of time on the phone to him — far more than appeared necessary for work purposes.

"She went to lunch with him and to exercise classes... I felt it was not going to end happily for Michelle because John was obviously going to marry Alison." When the liaison continued after the wedding, Mrs Williams told Mr Shaughnessy's chief in the hope he would get him to "cool it".

The trial continues today.



Mirror image: Peter Warr, an expert in the Chinese meditative practice of tai chi, performs in front of a massive bronze depicting his routine by the Taiwanese artist Ju Ming on show at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire

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## Dispute threatens legal aid service

The Law Society's new president tells Frances Gibb his aims for his year in office and fears for the profession.

THE incoming president of the Law Society warned yesterday that if the government presses ahead with present proposals for standard fees in magistrates' courts solicitors would stop providing a legal aid service.

Mark Sheldon, 61, who takes over as head of the solicitors' professional body today, said: "I do not believe standard fees as proposed for magistrates' courts are the right way forward. I am worried that if the Lord Chancellor and Mr Taylor [the new Commons minister for legal aid] push these through, the profession is going to drift away from providing legal aid."

Mr Sheldon, who as senior partner of the City firm Linklaters is the first Law Society president from a big London firm for ten years, indicated there was now an urgent need for creating a pay review advisory body to assess fair rates of pay for publicly-funded work. Without such a body, which could recommend what levels of pay were fair, confrontation between the government and the profession was always likely.

Outlining priorities for his year of office, Mr Sheldon said that top of his agenda was "trying to keep together a properly remunerated service which delivers legal aid where it is needed". He said he wanted reforms to cut the costs of civil litigation and to simplify procedures.

Mr Sheldon said, whose background is in commercial and tax law, added that he wanted to ensure that the profession remained a "one profession profession", representing all solicitors, whether in the public sector or private practice, and whether one man firms or members of larger firms.

After a general meeting today, the Law Society will face criticisms that its council is dominated by big City firms and does not represent the small practitioners. Yet at the same time, many big City firms often say the society does not represent their concerns.

Mr Sheldon rejected both criticisms and said that the society did and could represent all parts of the profession. "Although the ways in which solicitors practise are varied, and it is a very broad church, it is still one church."



Sheldon: profession is a very broad church

## TOURISM UP

The total value of tourism to Scotland rose by 5 per cent last year to £1.74 billion, according to the Scottish Tourist Board's annual report published yesterday. An upsurge in domestic holidays sustained the industry in a difficult and volatile year, the report said. The value of overseas tourism, was unchanged from the £550 million in 1990 after growing for the previous seven years.

## COSTLY STENCH

The stink of boiling chicken and turkey remains, costs Michael Blake, £22,500 in fines and costs yesterday. Colchester magistrates were told he also left skips of remains uncovered for days at Withers Farm, Mount Bures, Essex. Blake, 51, admitted failing to comply with an abatement notice and a nuisance order. The court was told neighbours formed a protest group with the tide Nose.

## PREACHER GUILTY

Stuart Wheeler, 52, a preacher from London who recited loudly from the Bible and gesticulated at a war veteran after the Queen Mother unveiled the Bomber Harris statue, was convicted of disorderly conduct and given a six-month conditional discharge.

## OIL SLICK THREATENS COLONY OF RARE TERNS

By PAUL WILKINSON

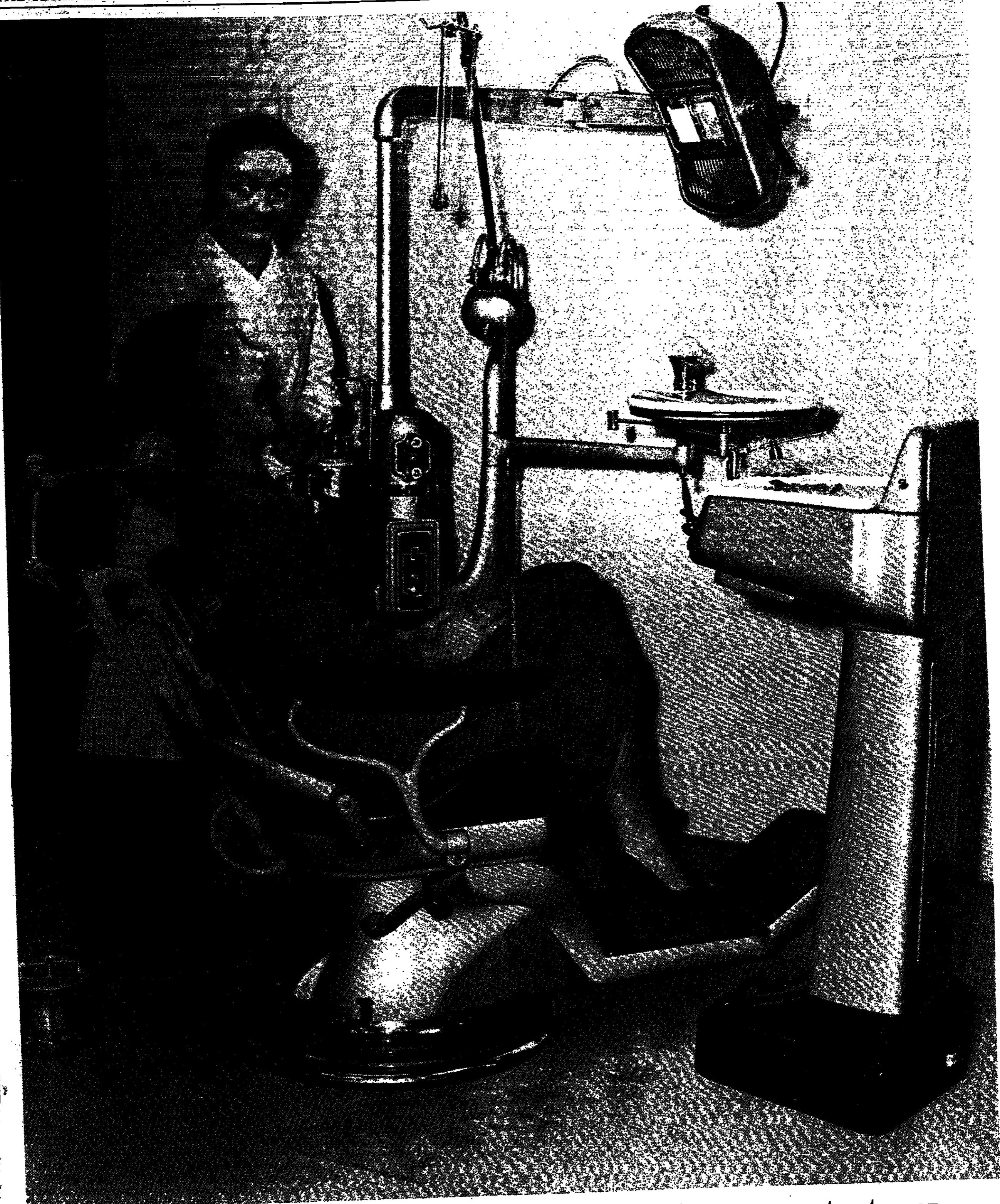
A COLONY of rare little terns is threatened by illegally dumped oil fuel that has formed a 12-mile slick along the shoreline in Cleveland and is expected to spread further south.

The breeding ground on the foreshore at South Gare near Redcar has been used by the terns for most of this century, but the position of their nests in shallow trenches scraped in the sand and shingle at the waterline makes them especially vulnerable. Already this month high tides have washed away almost half of the 30 nests estimated to be at the site.

David Hirst, regional officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "Not only is the little tern's nest site under threat if the oil comes ashore, but the bird can be fouled as it dives into contaminated water when feeding at sea."

Other wading birds arriving for the breeding season around the Tees estuary are also at risk. "The site is an internationally important one for waders; all of whom feed along the water line. The slick was first reported on Monday off Hartlepool, north of the Tees Beaches, from there to Saltburn near the county boundary with North Yorkshire have since been contaminated, and local authorities have begun a clean-up operation."

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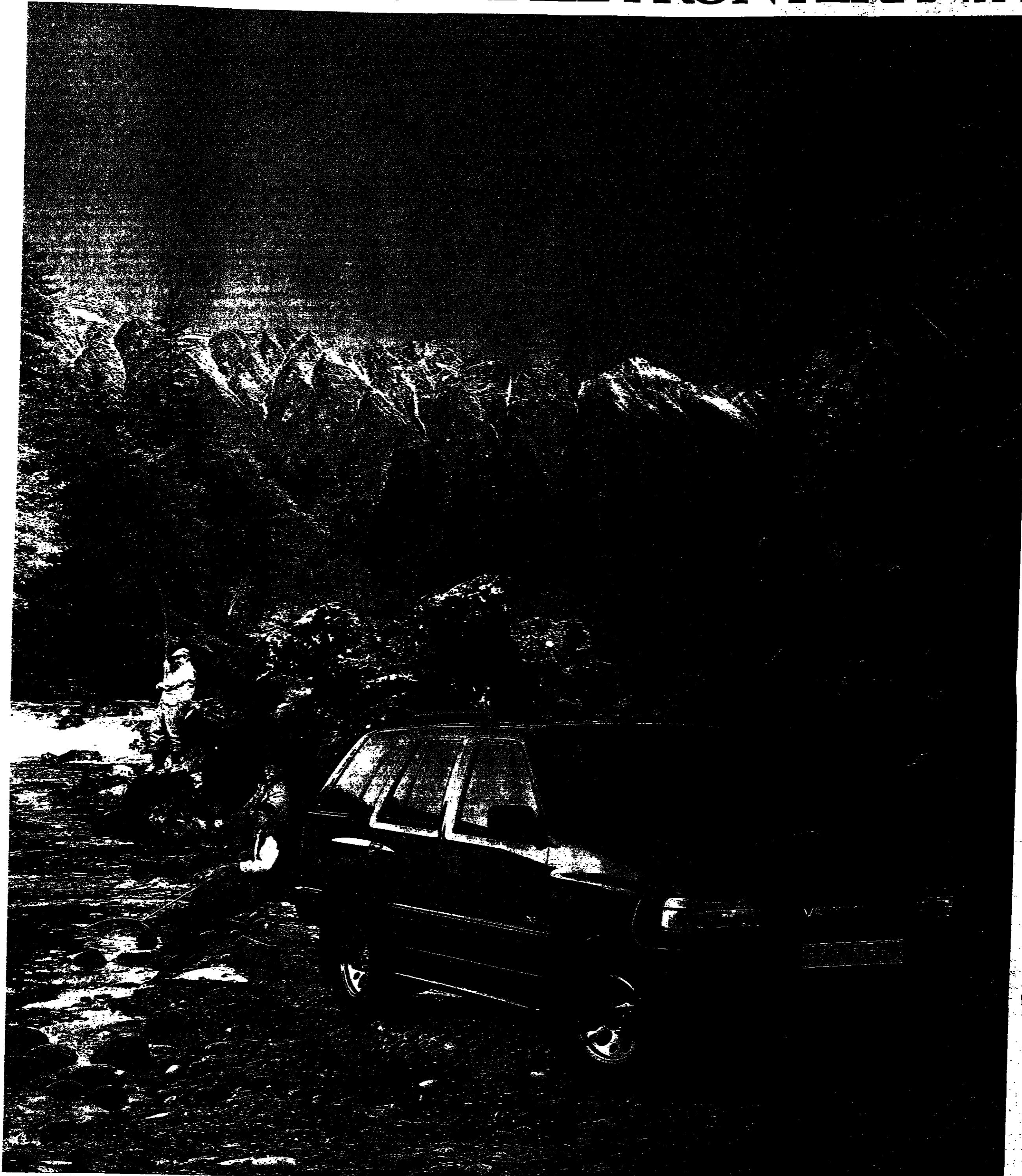
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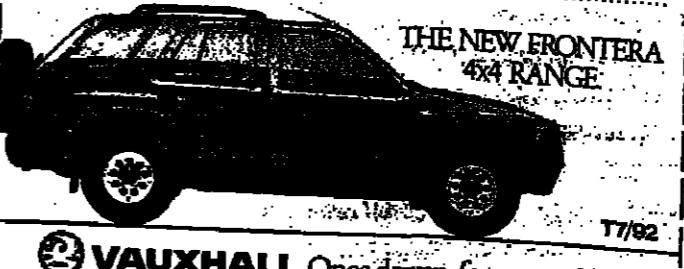
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# Home Office orders closure of immigrant advice group

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S immigrant advice agency has been ordered by the government to close in six months after disarray and faction fighting.

The government told the United Kingdom Immigrant Advisory Service yesterday that it would stop providing funds unless the organisation created an acceptable interim management committee to run its affairs until the end of the year.

During the next five months a committee will prepare proposals for a new organisation to replace UKIAS, which represents those who have rights of appeal under immigration legislation. The committee, which will be chaired by Humphrey Mallin, formerly Conservative MP for

## Islanders demand action

By JOHN YOUNG

RESIDENTS of Gigha, off the Argyll coast, called yesterday for government intervention after learning that their island is changing hands for the third time in three years.

Savills, the land agents, said that six offers had been received by the closing date last Tuesday, one of which was favoured by their client, a Swiss bank. The prospective buyer was based in Scotland but would not be named until terms were agreed, which would take at least two weeks.

The island was repossessed by the bank last March from Malcolm Potier, a Kent property developer. Many of the 140 islanders feared that he might try to buy it back but Savills said that the favoured offer was not in his name or that of his Tanap Investments company. Mr Potier is thought to have paid £5 million three years ago, but his plan for a conference centre fell victim to the recession.

Yesterday, Seumas McSporran, Gigha's policeman, piermaster and shopkeeper, said: "The government seems to stand aside and let everything go over our heads. If this is part of the United Kingdom, they should look after it or stop collecting taxes here."

Gigha, just over five square miles, was bought in 1944 by Sir James Horlick, son of the founder of the Horlicks drink company. On his death, in 1972, it was sold to David Landale, a director of Jardine Matheson, for a little under £1 million.



Wardle: "We cannot go on funding this group"

## Nations do battle without discord

Tim Jones finds 40 countries competing in harmony at Llangollen where the Queen opens a new pavilion tomorrow

THE Turks are lost in France, presumed to have fallen in one of the great motorway battles near Flanders field or elsewhere, so the Queen may never see them perform.

Blue blooms needed for an arrangement depicting a crown are also rotting in some French lorry and will have withered before she officially opens a new pavilion at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod tomorrow.

Competitors from more than 40 other countries, however, have managed to avoid the great blockade to make their way to the little town in North Wales where they sort out their differences in musical and dancing duels. High-stepping Texans sporting stetsons mingle with Ukrainians in red pantaloons.

The town of 3,000 souls throws them all on to a six-acre site for the satisfaction of seeing traditional emblems being eroded. Spaniards and Basques, Poles and Russians, even the Welsh and English end up singing together. Since it is a Welsh eisteddfod, they cannot, of course, drink together.

Although the old barriers are being broken, some of the competitors from the former Iron Curtain countries still cling to strange concepts. One Russian was trying to trace an astronomer "who lives in the spe-

cial city for scientists near London".

More pressingly, the Latvians, Lithuanians, Russians and others from countries with non-convertible currencies are short of cash and look longingly at the hamburger stalls. With a small coffee costing 65p, the copecks do not go far. To enable them to sample such delights of the fast-food culture, the organisers allow them to sell art and craft items.

The Queen first visited Llangollen in the year she was crowned and tomorrow she will open the new £3 million pavilion, half of which has been funded by an EC grant. For 40 years, the eisteddfod has been held in a giant and draughty tent where Luciano Pavarotti made his British debut.

The new building with its fabric dome sits rather uneasily beneath the ruins of an old castle sited above the green wooded valley. Maureen Jones, marketing director, says people will get used to it in time.

Dudley Richards, the eisteddfod chairman, said the aim of the festival was as valid now as it was when it was set up to help to heal the wounds of the second world war. "We believe harmony and song are better than confrontation. Llangollen may be small but without doubt it helps to bring people together."

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## Mellor shows that performing is one of his arts

By NICHOLAS WATT

DAVID Mellor, the secretary for national heritage and so-called minister for fun, posed with a troupe of dancing girls yesterday as he opened Britain's first "Fame" school for the performing arts.

Mr Mellor, normally a classical music man, praised the school's rock band who performed especially for the opening. "Just because I collect classical music doesn't mean I don't like other music. I am interested in excellence," he said.

The Performing Arts and Technology School in Croydon, south London, which cost £10 million, was set up by the British Record Industry Trust, a charitable organisation. Record companies raised £2 million, with the government making up the rest.

Pupils aged 14 to 19 study the performance and technical sides of the arts. The school, partly inspired by the New York performing arts academy featured on film and television, also strictly follows the national curriculum.

Lessons start at 8.30am and end at 5.30, but the pupils stay on until well into the evening.

Anne Rumney, the school's principal, said: "We have incredibly motivated and highly articulate pupils.

They have 12 hours a week for the performing arts in which they study dance, drama, music and technology. They then specialise in a chosen area."

Mr Mellor said he found the school far more refresh-

MARTIN BEDDALL



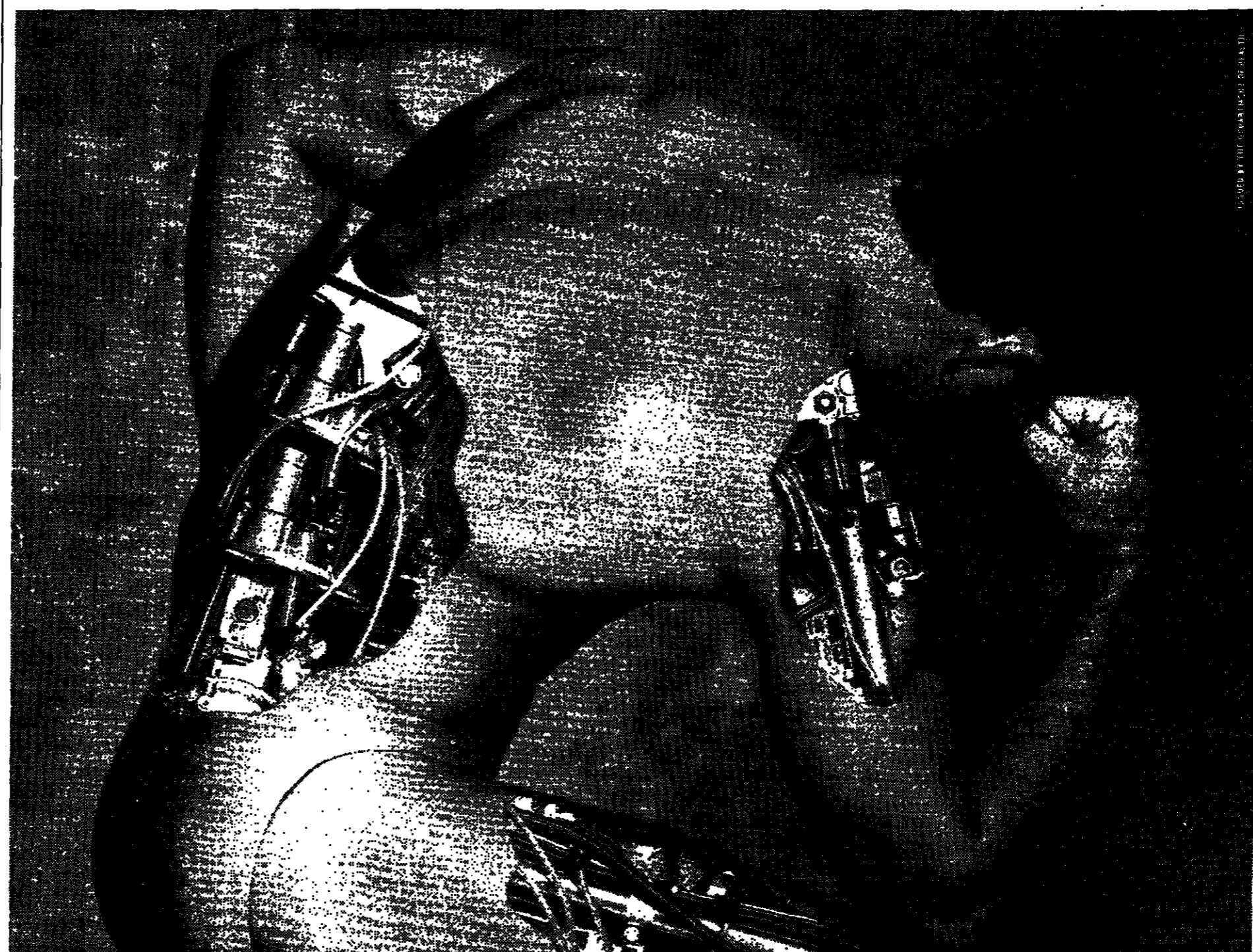
that the school was elitist. "There is no point in wallowing in mediocrity. We have to pick out the achievers," Mr Mellor said.

The school admitted its first 300 students in September and earlier this year Leo Ibenacho, 15, became the first pupil to be signed up by a recording company. But Regena Nichols, one of the school's vice-principals, said she was in no rush to see her pupils sign contracts. "A few have been taken on but we are careful to make sure that they are not exploited. We don't want the industry to think that this is an easy pool. We can advise the pupils whether it would be a good idea to go ahead."

The school has a 500-seat theatre housed in a new glass building. As pupils eat their lunch, their fellow students sing and play in the foyer.

Charlotte Karcha, 18, who is training to be a dancer, loves the school. "I commute from Crawley every day which takes me two hours. But it's worth every minute."

Adam Jones, 17, who plays the keyboard for a band called Suchi, was not too sure about his performance in the dancing class. "I'm not very good but there are quite a few of us who make fools of ourselves on the dance floor."



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## Mortgage defaulters dump 40,000 homes

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

**MORE** than 40,000 properties may have been abandoned by homeowners who have fallen behind with their mortgage payments, according to a study by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

These homes, which are now empty with some owners never having left the keys with the building society, should be used for homeless families, the report says.

In its survey of 302 borrowers more than four months in arrears with the Nationwide Building Society, the authors of the report, *Reducing mortgage arrears and possession: an evaluation of the initiatives*, found that some 22 per cent were no longer occupied by the original buyers. Seven per cent had been sublet without permission, 5 per cent had been abandoned, and 10 per cent appear to have been abandoned.

Large-scale abandonment of dwellings is likely to continue while large numbers of households in arrears have a mortgage greater than the value of their home. John Wrigglesworth, housing analyst at UBS Phillips and

Drew, has estimated that one and a half million homeowners are trapped with debts larger than the value of their homes.

Janet Ford, joint author of the report, said: "A valuable opportunity exists to help reduce the number of families in bed and breakfast hotels and other temporary accommodation."

The report suggests that arrangements could be made between the lenders and non-profit housing associations to make empty properties available on short leases to families nominated by local councils.

The government's much-vaunted rescue package was criticised by the report, which said that predictions before Christmas that 40,000 possessions could be avoided this year were "wide of the mark".

The government's decision to pay mortgage interest direct to lenders would help no more than between 8,500 and 10,500 people in arrears instead of the 20,000 predicted by government. Barely one in ten buyers with arrears would be helped by the gov-

ernment's decision, the report said. Twenty per cent of those in the survey received help with their mortgage through income support and nearly half were already passing on everything they received to the lender.

The report also criticised mortgage rescue schemes under which lenders allow borrowers to rent or part-rent their homes. "The impact on house possessions this year will be minimal," the report said. Schemes had been slow to get off the ground, and homeowners who were in arrears disliked such schemes.

They were determined to remain owners if at all possible. Only a handful of people had so far been rescued through mortgage-into-rent schemes involving housing associations, though other efforts by lenders had reduced the number of people repossessed in the first three months of the year, down from 18,000 last year to 13,000 people this year.

The report shows that the highest level of arrears is in the South-East — with an average of £4,000.



The way ahead: double-decker passenger shuttles, assembled from Canadian parts, are fitted out for service in Crete, France

## Channel tunnel expert rejects secrecy claim

BY MICHAEL DYNES  
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

**ALLEGATIONS** that Channel tunnel safety issues have been shrouded in a "wall of secrecy" by a system that puts profits before people have been dismissed as "mischievous" by Brian Martin, former head of the UK dele-

gation to the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority.

In a special interview with *The Times*, Mr Martin insisted that the Anglo-French authority, set up in 1987 to ensure that the tunnel was built to the best possible safety standards, was an independent body, and the only one able to ensure that safety is

safeguarded on their merits.

Publication of the entire body of safety authority research as demanded by the Consumers' Association would be impractical, time consuming, and would have more to do with the campaign for a freedom of information act than any effort to

ensure Channel tunnel safety, he said.

So far, the authority had analysed more than 1,000 technical documents, most of which would be incomprehensible to laymen. The creation of another body to give a second opinion on the work would only undermine the tight timetable for completion, Mr Martin said.

In the run-up to the opening of the tunnel next autumn, however, safety issues can be expected to assume a much higher public profile. That process is likely to begin in earnest in September with the completion of studies into the tunnel's ability to withstand earthquakes, and continue until its opening with the testing of transport and communications systems.

There can be little doubt that the way in which the tunnel's fixed and rolling assets had to be designed and built complicated the authority's task of ensuring that safety was given enough prominence. Because of tight construction deadlines, the design for different aspects of the tunnel had to be submitted in rough and approved in principle before the detailed design work was completed.

That procedure has led to a number of tussles between Eurotunnel and safety authority officials. In February, Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive, made known that he was considering legal action because of "excessive" safety precautions demanded by Mr Martin.

One such issue involved Eurotunnel's proposals for the design of HGV shuttle trains. After submitting a proposal in which HGVs would be fully enclosed, Eurotunnel subsequently opted for a revised design of semi-enclosed HGVs. The safety authority insisted that semi-enclosed HGVs presented an

unacceptable risk, especially if one caught fire, and rejected the design.

"Eurotunnel had already ordered the shuttles from the manufacturers," Mr Martin said, "and had taken a calculated risk that it would be able to convince the safety authority that the semi-enclosed design would not present additional hazards."

Eurotunnel has since submitted modified proposals for semi-enclosed HGV shuttles, incorporating fire detection and suppression systems, which the safety authority has yet to approve. Eurotunnel's latest proposal is likely to be safer than the revised design," Mr Martin said. "But it is likely to be less safe than the original proposal. The safety authority's task is not to decide whether it is possible to achieve greater safety, you can always do that, but whether it is adequately safe."

In his testimony to the Commons home affairs committee last November, Mr Martin said he felt his task was to ensure that passengers "are at least as safe in the tunnel as they would be on the rest of the journey". Since the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster in July 1988, in which 167 oil workers lost their lives, that means anticipating the unforeseen.

Before Eurotunnel can open for business, it will have to produce a "safety case", a systematic risk assessment in which anything that can go wrong is identified, quantified, and minimised with adequate precautions. The results of the safety case will be published and Eurotunnel is unlikely to receive its operating licence unless motorists using the shuttle trains are considerably safer than they would be using the M25.

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## Art report stirs Scots rivalries

BY SIMON TATT  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

**CULTURAL** rivalry between Glasgow and Edinburgh has been stirred again by the latest report on the proposed National Gallery of Scottish Art.

Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleries of Scotland, which are based in Edinburgh, proposed a new gallery to celebrate Scottish artists three years ago, and last summer he commissioned an economic appraisal of the available sites by Pidcock, a development consultancy.

The report, which has just been published, says that the two best sites are in Glasgow, principally because more visitors would go there.

However, senior curators in Edinburgh are not sympathetic to the suggestion that the new gallery should be in Glasgow. "It's not a terribly good idea to separate the curators from their collections by 40 miles, is it? Commuting alone would cost a fortune," one said.

The Pidcock report says that of the seven sites examined, the best were the Sheriff Court, near Glasgow's city hall, which would attract 600,000 visitors a year and cost £17-million, and a new £18-million building in Kelvingrove, close to Glasgow Museum and Art Gallery, where 750,000 people a year would go.

Other sites considered were Pollok Park and Glasgow, near the Burrell Collection, and in Edinburgh, the GPO building in Princes Street, the combination of the National Portrait Gallery with the new building, a new building in New Street, and the Dean Education Centre outside the city centre.

## Bishops apologise to widow

The Bishop of Dorchester, Buckingham and Reading apologised to a widow yesterday after a vicar in their Oxford diocese removed wooden crosses left by grandchildren on her husband's grave.

The Rev Eric Craig also threw out a bowl of flower bulbs. The bishops told Barbara Sharpen, 61, of Begbroke, Oxfordshire, that they found the affair very sad and she deserved an apology from the church itself.

Mr Craig, vicar of St Michael's church, Begbroke, said he had enforced a rule that allowed only one small vase on each grave.

### Crash call

Andrew Burden, 37, of Bristol, drove into another car near Ringwood, Hampshire, yesterday, to alert police that a hitchhiker was threatening him with an eight-inch knife. Police were later questioning a man.

### Pollution fine

Anglian Water has been fined £18,000 by magistrates at Fakenham, Norfolk, after it admitted dumping concentrated sewage into a creek at Wells-next-the-Sea.

### Rape charge

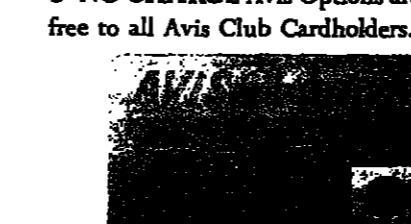
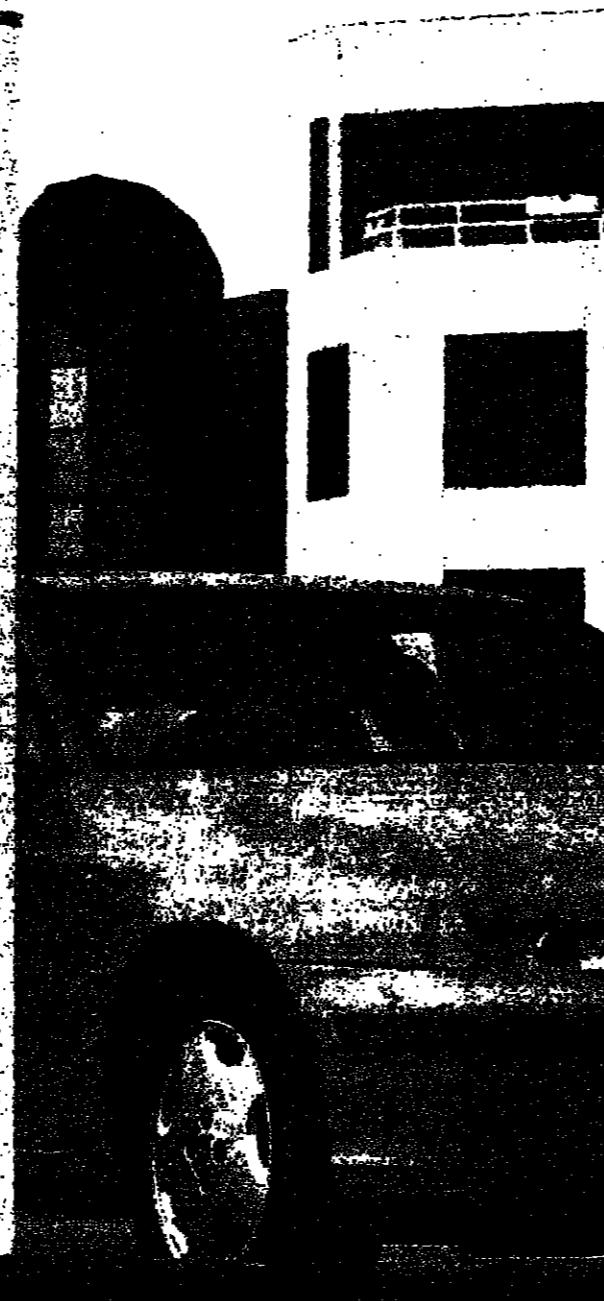
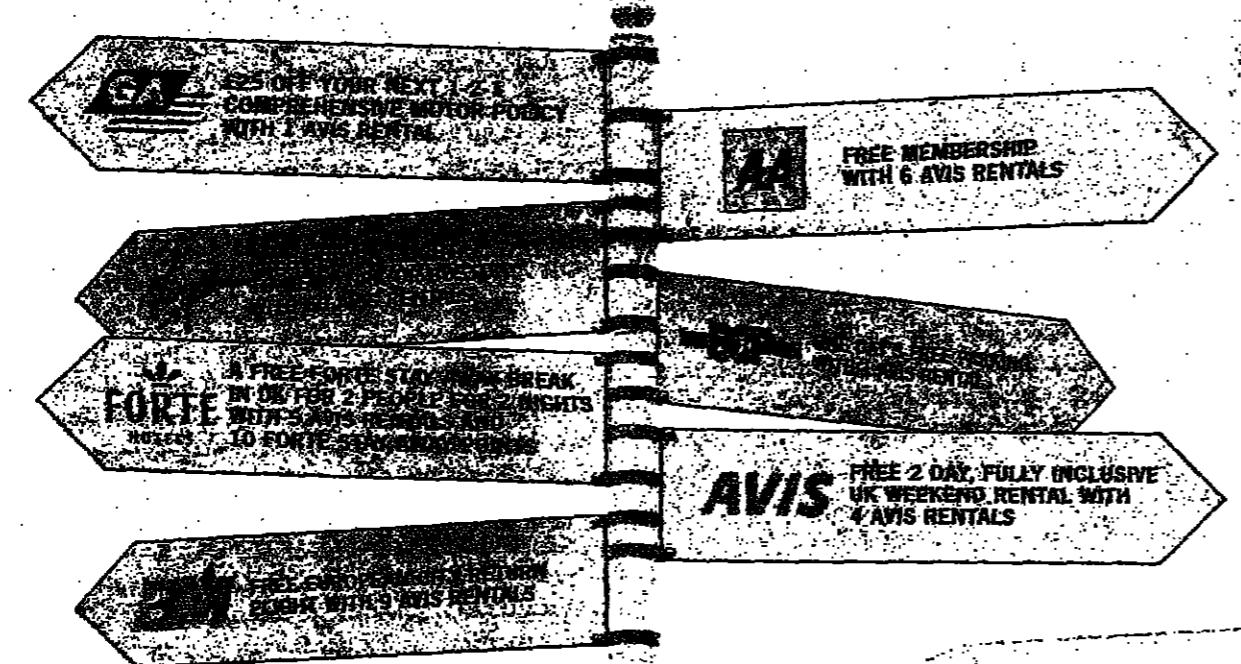
Dr Thomas Cattell, 44, was sent for trial on £245,000 bail at Thames magistrate's court, east London, yesterday, accused of raping a woman in his Harley Street surgery.

### Teacups storm

All but one of the six traffic wardens at Paignton, Devon, have been suspended for allegedly spending too much time in coffee bars.

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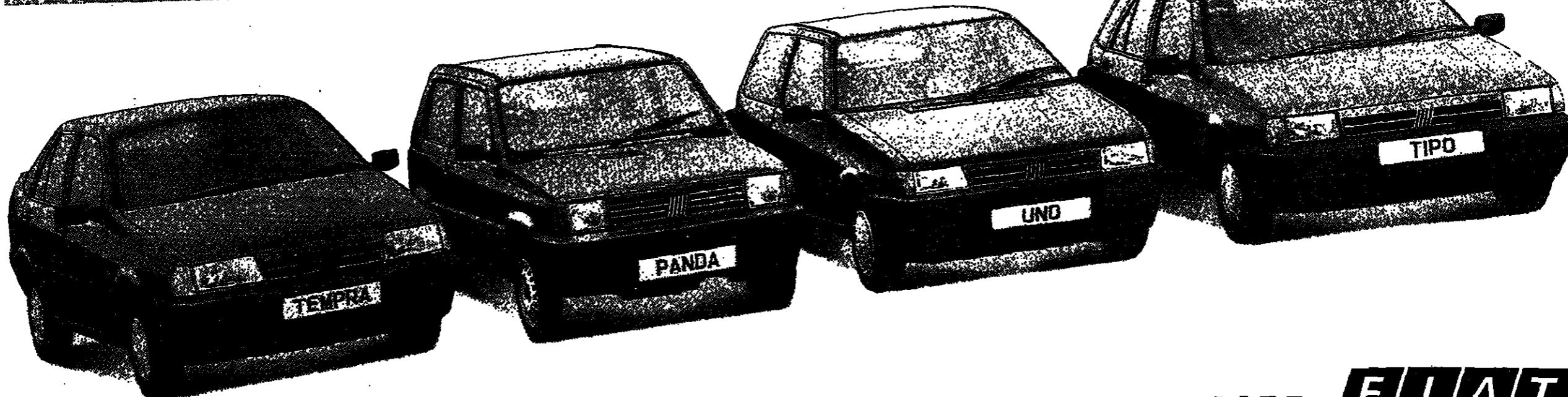
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## Women take lead in quest for knowledge

**WOMEN** students are in a majority in universities and colleges in all parts of Britain except Scotland, according to the latest statistical snapshot of life.

Even in Scottish educational establishments the proportion of women has increased from 35 to 49 per cent in the nine years to 1990, according to *Regional Trends*. In the North-West, the proportion of women is 55 per cent. In Yorkshire and Humberside it is 54 per cent and in Wales it is 51 per cent.

According to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, 45 per cent of university undergraduates were women in 1990-1; the figure for the polytechnics was 44 per cent.

Twice as many women as men enrol for adult education courses in all regions of England and Wales. That is partly because part-time working and the need to stay at home when children are young gives them greater opportunities to attend classes. A total of 375,000 women enrolled

### EDUCATION

for part-time day courses in England in 1990-1 compared with 87,000 men. For evening classes, the figures were 608,000 women and 260,000 men.

In British schools, girls are getting better GCSE grades than boys in French and English. Northern Ireland, where 11-plus selection still applies, outperforms all other regions at A level with one in five

Reports by  
Richard Ford

pupils gaining three or more passes. But the province has some of the worst figures for unqualified school leavers. In 1989-90, one in five boys and one in ten girls left school without a qualification.

Scotland has the lowest pupil-teacher ratio of 24.7 to one in primary schools and 18.5 to one in secondary schools while Wales, Northern Ireland and the North-West have the highest. The

importance attached to education north of the border is demonstrated by figures which show that 77 per cent of Scottish 16-year-olds continued their studies in 1990-1. In contrast, 68 per cent continued their studies in Wales and only 63 per cent in England.

Within England, only 61 per cent of 16-year-olds in the North and 62 per cent in East Anglia continued with their education after they reached the age of 16.

East Anglia and the South-West offer the best opportunities for toddlers, providing pre-school and day care facilities for 25 and 26 per cent of them. The North, with 16 per cent, and Yorkshire and Humberside with 18 per cent, are the worst areas for the very young. Overall, England provides facilities for 22 per cent of toddlers, Wales 18 per cent, Scotland 19 per cent and Northern Ireland 18 per cent.

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Increasing: women at Oxford University

## Eating habits grow healthier

FRUIT is becoming a greater part of the national diet after a decline in the consumption of bread, meat, fish, milk and vegetables, according to today's figures.

Household consumption of fresh and other fruit has increased in every region in the UK between 1980 and 1990 with the biggest increase in Yorkshire and Humberside, a region which with the North-West has the heaviest drinkers.

The survey shows a drop in the consumption of meat and meat products in every region but people in the North still eat more meat per head of the population than other areas.

Household consumption has dropped from 39 ounces a person a week to 34 in England, from 38 to 35 ounces in Wales and from 40 to 35 in Scotland.

Weekly household expenditure is £110 a person in the South-East, where people spend an average £51 a week on housing compared with £32 in Yorkshire and Humberside and £26 in Northern Ireland. House-

holds in the South-East spend £47 a week on food compared with £40 in Wales, £42 in Scotland and £43 in Northern Ireland.

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80% of all teen births illegitimate

MINISTERIAL concern at the level of teenage pregnancy is highlighted in today's report, which shows that four of every five births to mothers under 20 are illegitimate.

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The statistics also show that people in Yorkshire, Hum-

berside and the North-West are the heaviest drinkers. Men there drink the equivalent of 9 pints of beer a week and women consume 2.5 pints. In the North, consumption of alcohol by men dropped from 21.6 units a week in 1978 to 14.4 in 1989; in Yorkshire and Humberside the figure increased from 15.4 units to 18.9. In the South-East, South-West and West Midlands, consumption dropped. Among women, there were decreases in consumption in five regions and increases in six, with Yorkshire and Humberside showing a rise from 3.6 units to 5.3, and the North-West from 3.9 to 5.5.

Cigarette smoking among those aged 16 and over continued to drop in England, from 41 per cent in 1976 to 29 per cent in 1990, and in Scotland from 46 per cent to 34 per cent, but remained static at 31 per cent in Wales between 1988 and 1990.

Drug abuse is shown to be the key cause of HIV transmission in Scotland, accounting for half of all positive reports, while in all other areas such abuse accounts for less than a fifth of cases. Scotland has the highest suicide rate with 17 per 100,000 population.

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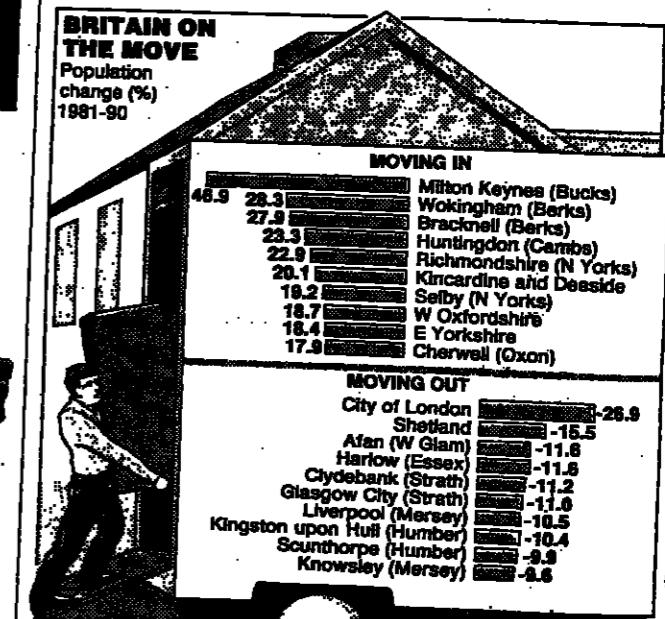
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## Green pastures lure city dwellers away

ALTHOUGH the UK re-

mains a nation of crowded cities and thinly populated rural areas, greener fields continue to encourage people to desert the old industrial heartlands and conurbations. The two fastest growing regions are East Anglia and the South-West.

Philip Rose, associate editor of *Regional Trends*, said: "They are booming regions. Their population has increased, they have good industrial performance, low unemployment and high self-employment."

In 1981-90, the population of East Anglia increased by 8.7 per cent from 1.8 million to 2.0 million and in the South-West by 6.5 per cent from 4.3 million to 4.6 million. In spite of the increase, East Anglia remains one of the most thinly populated English regions. Within it, the trend for people to leave cities and big towns is highlighted by a decline in the populations of Norwich, Cambridge and Ipswich, while between 1981 and

1990, the population of Huntingdon rose 23 per cent and Peterborough registered a rise of 14.9 per cent.

A similar pattern is repeated in other areas of the coun-

try, with population increasing in Milton Keynes, designated a new city, by 46.9 per cent to 1.85 million. Wokingham in Berkshire by 28.3 per cent, Bracknell in Berkshire by 27.9 per cent, Richmonshire in North Yorkshire by 22.9 per cent, Fareham, Hampshire, by 15 per cent, Cherwell in Oxfordshire by 17 per cent and West Oxfordshire by 18 per cent.

In contrast, the population of Kingston upon Hull fell by 10.4 per cent, the City of London by 26.9 per cent, Liverpool by 10.5 per cent, Harlow in Essex by 11.6 per cent and Afan in West Glamorgan by 11.6 per cent.

In Scotland, the same trend produced a decline in Glasgow's population of 11 per cent. Clydebank fell by 11.2 per cent and Dundee by 6.4 per cent. In contrast, Kincardine and Deside rose by 20 per cent.

The biggest overall shift in population in 1990 was between the South-West and South-East: 56,000 people moved from the South-West to the South-East while 45,000 went the other way.

## Focus switches to campaign for fitter community

THE Health of the Nation white paper marks a big break with the health strategies of the past. For the first time, it switches the focus of health care from the process — the treatments that doctors provide — to the outcome, the number of lives saved or improved.

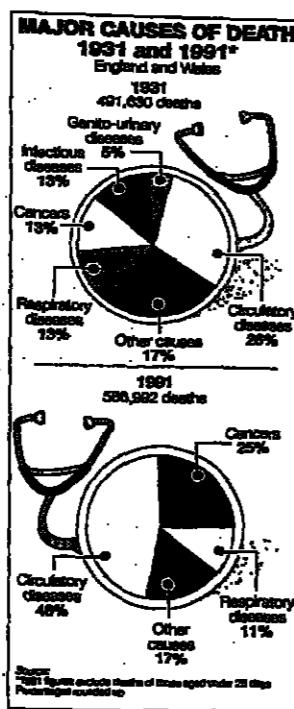
In future, a health authority's success will be judged as much by the fall in deaths from heart disease or the improvement in the accident rate, as on the number of coronary bypass operations performed.

The effect will be to displace the medical industry from its central position in health care to become one organisation among many — including government departments, local authorities, schools, employers — with a role to play in improving health. It amounts to a revolution that, if pursued with political vigour, could make the current NHS reforms seem like a minor management review.

The government has never before confronted the impact on health of its policies concerning employment, housing, education, food and young people, despite endorsing the Alma Ata declaration on primary care in 1978 and the World Health Organisation's "Health for All" strategy in 1981. Now, following the lead taken in Europe, Australia and North America, it has produced an agenda that links them all and is committed to supporting it at the highest level, with a cabinet committee.

However, the commitment is not total. The government has set a target of a 40 per cent reduction in the number of cigarettes sold (from the current total of almost 100 billion a year), but has no plans to ban tobacco advertising. It acknowledges the wide differences in health between regions, social classes and ethnic groups, but has set no

Health policy is changing to look at quality, not just quantity. The new targets are examined by Jeremy Lawrence and Alison Roberts



target for reduction of health inequalities linked to poverty, ranked as an important priority in the WHO strategy.

Critics say that the targets are fixed too narrowly to specific diseases and focus too tightly on changing people's behaviour to limit risk. "Individual behaviour is important, but you have to ask what are the factors that affect choice," Ken Judge, director of the King's Fund Institute, an independent health policy think tank, said. "The government's responsibility is to create a framework within which people are more likely to make healthy choices."

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ment's approach would lack conviction until it tackled health inequalities. "Paradoxically, a common effect of health promotion initiatives aimed at the population at large is to increase health inequalities unless attention also focuses on people who are disadvantaged," he said.

Many of the targets require the maintenance of existing downward trends, as in heart disease and lung cancer deaths, but others will require trends to be reversed, as in suicides and pregnancies among schoolgirls. Targets have been selected to be challenging but not unreasonably, the white paper says. There is strong emphasis on health alliances involving hospitals, schools and workplaces co-ordinating their efforts to achieve targets.

Adoption of the strategy will raise a vital question about the NHS: whether all that it does is worth doing. The focus on numbers of patients treated, beds occupied and operations performed could give way to a more mature consideration of the benefits treatment brings. The division between purchasers and providers under the NHS reforms and the new ethos of local managers seeking local solutions will encourage purchasing health authorities to think more creatively about health.

The five key areas highlighted in the white paper, selected from 16 suggested in the green paper, are only the start. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, said: "Further targets would be added, she said.

However, a lack of resources to achieve them and the reliance on exhortation raise questions about the strength of the political will to see the strategy through. The British Medical Association said: "There is a big difference between setting targets and achieving targets."



Open the box: doctors hand out cigarette packets containing warnings about tobacco-related deaths at an anti-smoking protest in Sheffield yesterday

### Hope of tobacco advert ban rises

ANTI-SMOKING groups yesterday welcomed the government's promise to review the effects of tobacco advertising on potential smokers, and the possibility of a ban.

Tough targets to reduce smoking are set by the white paper, which says lung cancer deaths should be cut by a quarter.

The paper contains specific policies for reducing breast, cervical, skin and lung cancers. Recommendations for breast screening targets were published in June by the NHS and the government repeats its commitment to maintaining present standards in breast and cervical screening.

set up to implement plans. The anti-smoking group, Quir, saw the review of tobacco advertising as a test of government sincerity. "The result of the review will now be crucial," Sandi Wilson, Quir's director, said.

David Pollock, the director of Ash, said that a ban would reduce the number of 12 to 15-year-old smokers by 100,000 in ten years with a consequent reduction in lung cancer deaths of 10,000 a year. The tobacco industry spends £100 million a year on advertising while the government spends a tenth of that figure on anti-smoking education, according to Ash.

## List of dangers highlights diet

### HEART DISEASE

white paper says that 8 per cent of men and 12 per cent of women are obese, and that the proportion should be cut by a quarter among men and a third among women.

The white paper sets a target reduction of 40 per cent in deaths from heart disease and stroke by the end of the decade in people under 65. This is tougher than the 30 per cent reduction suggested in the green paper a year ago. For those aged 65 to 74, the target is a 30 per cent cut in deaths from heart disease and a 40 per cent cut in deaths from stroke.

The death rate from heart disease has been falling since the late 1970s but remains one of the highest in the world. There is no certainty that the downward trend will be maintained, according to Professor Gerry Shaper of the British Heart Foundation.

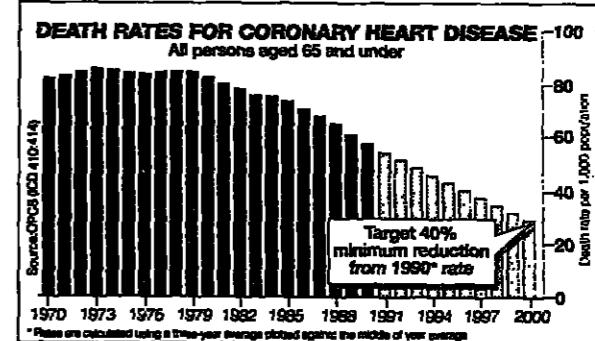
Six risk factors are highlighted to reduce the toll from heart disease: diet, smoking, drinking, exercise, obesity, cholesterol and blood pressure.

On diet, the white paper says the total fat content of the average diet should be cut from 40 per cent to no more than 35 per cent by 2005, a reduction of 12 per cent. Saturated animal fat, contained in butter, cream, milk and cheese, should be cut by 35 per cent (from 17 per cent to 11 per cent). That should help to reduce obesity, cholesterol levels and blood pressure. The

white paper makes no commitment to raise the price of alcohol, which is cheaper now than it was 30 years ago.

"If you want to cut down on drinking you have to make alcohol more expensive," Professor Shaper said.

No specific target is set for improving physical fitness but the white paper notes that a third of middle-aged men and half of middle-aged women cannot walk on the level at normal pace without getting out of breath. It promises to "develop strategies" to increase physical activity.



## Training for GPs to cut number of suicides

WHITE paper strategies to reduce ill-health and death caused by mental illness centre on locally based services — a phrase which replaces the term "community care". Health authorities will continue to reduce dependence on mental institutions and must have plans to transfer services by 1994-5.

The government acknowledges a difficulty in setting targets for the improvement of mental health because of data limitations and the crudity of using suicide rates as a measurement of the mental health of the country. However, standardised assessment procedures of symptoms, disabilities and quality of life may allow targets to be set by 1995.

Improved supervision of discharged patients should be carried out by multi-disciplinary secondary care teams complemented by voluntary agency services. Mental health teams will be required to carry out a local audit of all suicides of patients in contact with specialist mental health services during 1993-4.

The paper identifies a high suicide rate among severely mentally ill people, particularly young men, and seeks to reduce that by 33 per cent by the year 2000. The government is aiming at a 15 per cent reduction in England's overall suicide rate. There were 5,567 suicides last year. It hopes to achieve that target by educating primary care providers such as GPs and social workers in more precise recognition of suicidal tendencies.

GPs are still prescribing too many tranquillisers to depressed patients, the white paper says. Prescribing habits will be included in GP audits, and education in other methods of treatment must be improved.

Diverging mentally ill offenders from the criminal justice system as early as possible is made a priority, and government funding will be available to promote psychiatric services attached to courts.

The mental health charity Mind welcomed the new policy, but was disappointed at the lack of new money.

## Targets set to curb disease and unplanned pregnancy

MUCH sexual activity is conducted casually, carelessly or in ignorance, the white paper suggests. Half of all conceptions are estimated to be unwanted or unintended, it says, and the incidence of some sexually transmitted diseases is rising, despite the threat of HIV and AIDS.

In 1989, nearly 8,000 girls under 16 became pregnant, a rate 25 per cent higher than a decade earlier. The white paper sets a 50 per cent reduction target by 2000.

The target is the most ambitious in the white paper, requiring a reversal of the present trend. One in four health authorities has made cuts in family planning services, according to the Family Planning Association, but the white paper promises no extra resources.

Health authorities have argued that women can get family planning advice from their GPs, but recent research, by the Policy Studies Institute shows that teenagers will not use services unless they are tailored for them. "Young people won't come unless you can say to them this is confidential and there is no risk of bumping into your mum or your neighbour," said Wendy Thomas, general manager of the London Brook Advisory Centres.

By 1994-5, a full range of appropriate, accessible and comprehensive family planning services should be provided for all.

Education key to prevention

INFORMATION and education are the government's principle means of achieving an improved accident prevention record; new safety legislation will be kept to a minimum.

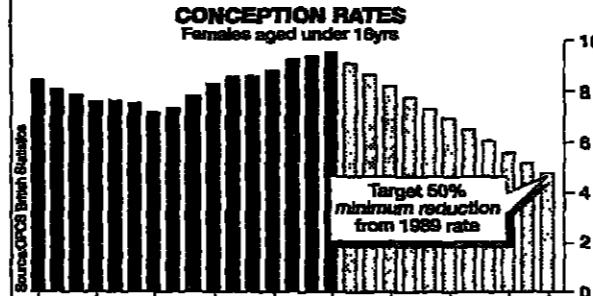
Accidents are the most common cause of death in people under 30 in England. They accounted for 10,193 deaths in England in 1991 of which 40 per cent were motor vehicle accidents and about 35 per cent accidents in the home. The white paper identifies a halt in the longstanding decline in accident mortality among young adults and highlights the cost to the NHS — 7 per cent of total expenditure results from accidental injuries.

The paper aims to build on World Health Organisation targets and to reduce the lack of new money.

cases has risen slightly since. The white paper sets a target of a further 20 per cent cut by 1995, to be achieved by "continuing publicity and education" about sexual health.

People who inject drugs are at high risk of HIV and AIDS if they share needles and syringes. They may then spread it through sex to someone who does not use drugs. Surveys in London show one in eight are HIV-positive. A key aim of needle exchange schemes is to persuade injectors not to share equipment, but a fifth still do so. The paper says this proportion should be reduced by half by 1997 and by a further half by 2,000.

The inclusion of wider issues of sexual health such as schoolgirl pregnancies, not mentioned in the green paper last year, was welcomed by family planning groups. But they said that solutions need extra resources.



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## MP accuses whips of 'bully-boy' tactics

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CONSERVATIVE MP accused his own party whips of "bully-boy" tactics yesterday as a fresh row erupted over rationing out seats on the Commons select committees.

Nicholas Winterton told the whips that they were threatening to turn the select committee system into "another arm of government" by exerting too much influence over the choice of members and chairmen.

Conservative and Labour whips privately agreed a rationing out of the chairmanships of the 16 committees and forwarded approved names of potential members to the Commons committee of selection. It appears that Richard Ryder, the government chief whip, refused to recommend Mr Winterton, who has consistently voted against the government on health reforms.

Mr Winterton yesterday described the whips as the "huggos of the Tory party" who were endangering the independence of the committees by their "heavy-handed bullying". The Conservative

MP for Macclesfield embarrassed the government last year by sanctioning a report criticising the health service reforms. He accused Mr Ryder yesterday of offering the chairmanship to Labour to block his re-election. Labour whips rejected the offer, making it clear they were satisfied with Mr Winterton.

In a private session yesterday the committee of selection, chaired by Sir Marcus Fox, unanimously allocated the 11 places on each committee, giving a Tory majority on each and reflecting a balance between old and new MPs, their interests and constituencies. Their chosen names will be published today. A three-month wrangle over setting up the committees has delayed any parliamentary enquiry starting work until late October.

Mr Winterton and other MPs are threatening to take the dispute over the whips' influence to the Commons chamber on Monday night when the nominations are confirmed.

The whips have decided

which party should hold the chairmanship of each committee. Labour gains the trade and industry committee in exchange for giving up the chairmanship of the transport committee. Labour chairmen will also be elected next week for the committees shadowing the departments of national heritage, employment, trade and industry, social security, Welsh affairs and the Scottish Office. The agriculture, home affairs, foreign affairs, environment, education, science and technology, Treasury and civil service, health, defence and transport committees will be chaired by Tory MPs.

Labour's main contenders for the chair of the trade and industry committee are Doug Hoyle and John Gilbert. If Mr Hoyle is elected chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party today, he is expected to stand down from the contest. However, long-standing Tory MPs on the committee, including Sir Anthony Grant, Keith Hampson and Barry Porter, are furious at their whips' decision to hand the chairmanship to Labour.

A dispute is brewing over the chairmanship of the defence committee with Cranley Onslow, recently deposed as chairman of the 1922 Tory backbench committee, believed to be a contender. A long-standing member, Winston Churchill, is keen to win the post but is unlikely to be supported by Labour MPs. The front-runner could be Peter Viggers, who has applied to serve on the committee for the first time.

Robert Jones, Tory MP for West Hertfordshire, is emerging as favourite to chair the environment committee following the retirement of Sir Hugh Rossi. John Watts could be the new chairman of the Treasury and civil service committee.

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Gerald Kaufman has his eye on chairing the new national heritage committee when he stands down as shadow foreign secretary next week. The senior Tory MPs David Howell and Sir John Wheeler hope to remain chairmen of the foreign affairs and home affairs committees and the Labour MP Frank Field is keen to continue chairing the social security committee.

## Hopes raised of LSE move to County Hall

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE London School of Economics has been given an "amber light" in its campaign to take over County Hall into a European university. The development would enhance London's prestige and enable it to compete with the coming of the single European market and free movement of students with other famous universities on the Continent.

Sir Rhodes was speaking after taking a six-strong all-party delegation of MPs went to see Michael Howard, the environment secretary, about the disposal of the imposing former home of the Greater London Council.

The LSE, which has been given until Friday to submit a firm bid to the London Residential Body, which is handling the sale, is competing with Shirayama, a Japanese hotel and leisure group. It has signed a provisional contract under which it would pay £60 million to turn the main riverside building into a 600-bed hotel.

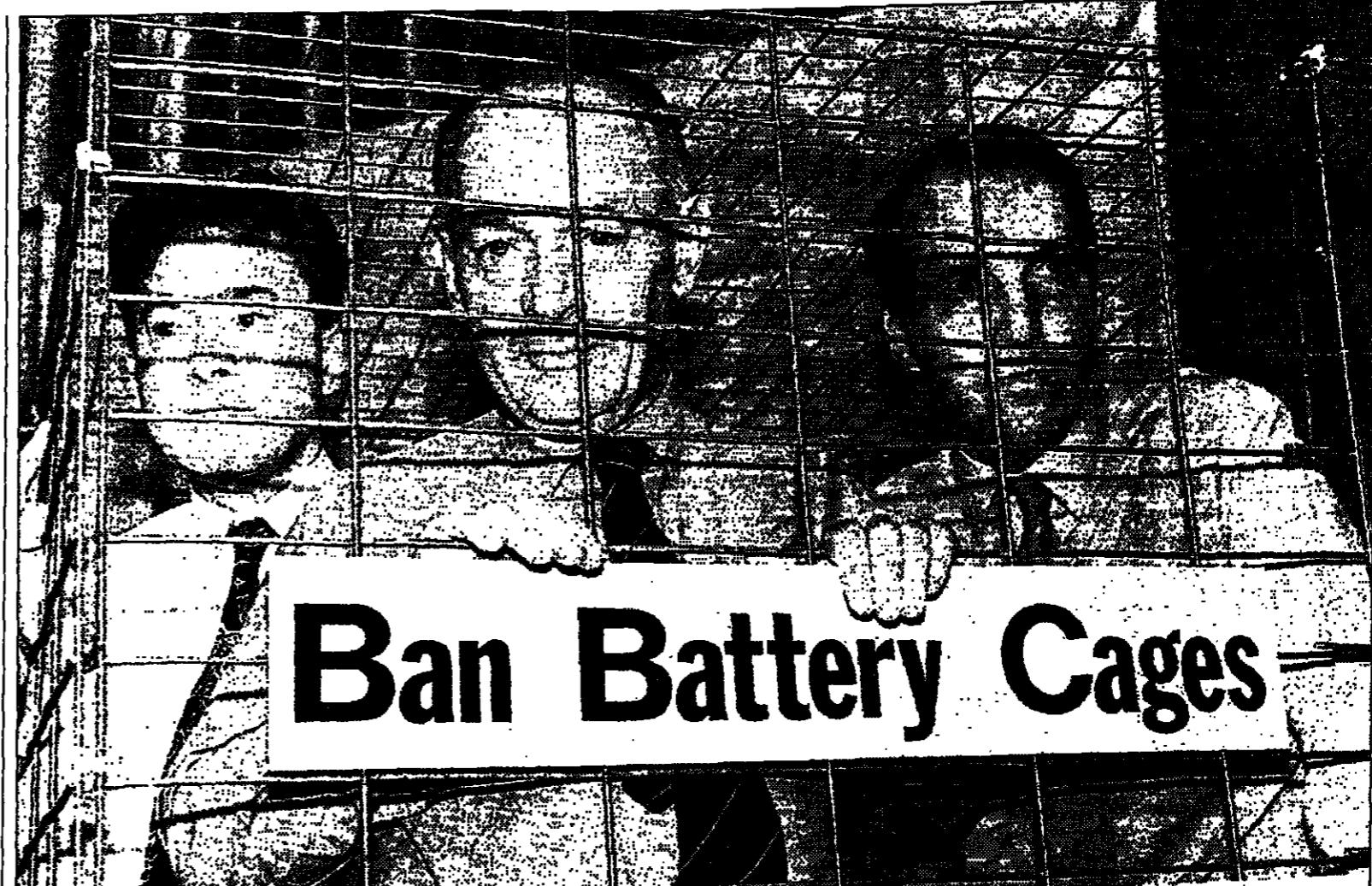
The MPs, who included Tony Banks, the last chair-

man of the GLC, urged Mr Howard to support the bid by the LSE to turn County Hall into a European university. The development would enhance London's prestige and enable it to compete with the coming of the single European market and free movement of students with other famous universities on the Continent.

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The findings of the survey



Pecking order: MPs Tony Banks, left, Sir Teddy Taylor and Simon Hughes go behind bars to publicise a campaign against battery cages for chickens. Supporters of Compassion in World Farming met at Westminster yesterday to lobby for a ban on such cages

## Ban Battery Cages

### Government blamed for broken promises on jobs

By NICHOLAS WOOD AND SHEILA GUNN

SOME school-leavers are waiting up to nine months for job training. Labour said yesterday as it accused the government of breaking its promises to young people.

Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, said that his survey of youth training (YT) courses showed that more than 50,000 16- and 17-year-olds had to queue for places. This was despite the government's guarantee of a YT place for every teenager who wanted one.

"Our survey shows that almost 40 per cent of those waiting are 1991 school-leavers and one-third have been waiting for over eight weeks. We estimate that 11,000 or more are now no longer receiving even bridging allowance, the temporary social security benefit, and are therefore without any means of support at all," he said.

The findings of the survey

of 90 of the 107 careers services in England were immediately disputed by the government. At the same time it emerged that Gillian Shepherd, the employment secretary, is locked in battle with Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, over her bid for a bigger training budget.

Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, said Mr Blair's figures should be treated with caution. "At this time of year, youngsters will not have their exam results, they may hedge their bets, they may be deciding at a later date to stay at school and some of the information coming from the careers service ... does actually reflect that situation," he said on BBC Radio 4. Mrs Shepherd said later that more teenagers were staying on in further or higher education.

Mr Blair said that the government was engaged in a "discreditable deceit" in seeking first to deny the problem, and then to suggest that young people were not coming forward to take up places. "The problem is not idle young people but inadequate resources." Mr Forsyth had been wrong to say that YT funding had been increased.

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### Labour review aims to raise party image

By JILL SHERMAN

LABOUR MPs are to hold an inquiry into how they operate in an attempt to provide a more effective opposition to the government.

Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) unanimously backed a resolution yesterday calling for a review of its organisation and working.

The move prompted by Graham Allen, Labour MP for Nottingham North, followed complaints by some MPs, particularly the new intake, that the PLP meetings did not allow for a full debate on any issue and inhibited MPs from expressing grievances.

There is also concern that the party is not effectively organised in the House, to ensure that enough Labour MPs are present at all times.

A review committee will look at decision-making procedures, induction, training, campaigning, pairing, resources, membership of select committees, whipping and

scrutiny arrangements in PLP ballots. The committee will also study accommodation, facilities for new members and other matters which are still outstanding from a review set up after the 1987 election.

"We are currently achieving in every area," Mr Allen said yesterday. "We need to organise ourselves better on the floor of the House and have a more effective whipping system. I want an up-front organisation instead of lots of individual, atomised MPS."

The review committee, which will be set up after the recess, will comprise the chairman of the PLP, three members of the shadow cabinet and three members elected by the PLP in a secret ballot. All Labour MPs will be invited to provide written and oral evidence suggesting improvements in each of the areas under study.

### Tories counter Euro offensive

By JILL SHERMAN  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative party is to take urgent action to counter a summer offensive by party activists pressing for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty.

The activists, who will officially launch their campaign next Wednesday, met in the Commons on Tuesday night to prepare strategy. Twenty-five party workers representing 25 constituencies attended the meeting. Three Euro-sceptic MPs were also present: Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, Teresa Gorman (Billerica) and Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills).

The activists, who are said to be surprisingly young, are not all opposed to the treaty but they favour of a public vote. They are expected to ballot constituency parties for their views on a referendum and then send the results to John Major. They will also canvas in constituencies to put forward the arguments for a referendum, call for public debates on Maastricht and challenge local MPs on the issue.

Central Office is planning a rearguard action in constituencies where the party workers are expected to cause most trouble. Dame Angela Rumbold, the deputy party chairman, is sufficiently concerned about the rebels that she is getting her scouts to identify the troublemakers and tip off MPs before public meetings or debates. She is also ensuring that all MPs are armed with an "idiot's guide" on Maastricht so that they can spell out the advantages of ratifying the treaty.

Some MPs have already contacted Central Office claiming that party workers and members are surprisingly ignorant about Maastricht, but they do not have the necessary ammunition to allay public fears. The ten-point guide, contained in a pack of literature on Maastricht, will be sent to constituency agents in the next few weeks.

Euro-sceptics in the party now claim that at least 50 Tories support their cause and would vote against the Maastricht bill. The Conservative European Reform Group, led by Sir Teddy Taylor, yesterday met Knud Pederson, secretary of the umbrella organisation which ran the "No" vote campaign in the Danish referendum.

### Attack on tax havens

Tax havens would be better termed fraud havens. David Shaw, a Tory backbencher, said when he introduced a bill aimed at preventing Maxwell-type swindles.

Mr Shaw, the MP for Dover, said that if his bill had been law the Maxwell fraud, BCCI, and many others would have been prevented.

His measure, which has all-party support, would make it illegal to carry on business with tax havens. Accountants, lawyers and other professionals engaged in such business would face fines of up to £1 million and 10 years imprisonment.

Mr Shaw, himself an accountant, said that billions of pounds were lost to the Exchequer each year because of tax evasion and avoidance by businesses operating through tax havens.

### Trade praised

Under fire from Labour MPs over the decline in Britain's manufacturing base, Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, said in the Commons that exports of manufactured goods were at an all-time high, up 4 per cent in the past 12 months.

**Export drive**  
As Toyota and Honda join Nissan in building cars here, Britain is set to become a net exporter of cars. Richard Needham, the trade minister, said at question time.

**Pensions safe**  
Tim Eggar, the energy minister, gave a commitment at question time that the pensions and coal concessions of retired miners and widows would be protected after privatisation of the coal industry.

**Parliament today**  
Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister; Summer adjournment motion and backbench debates.  
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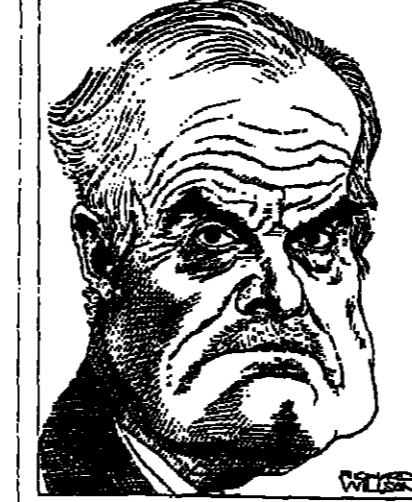
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Earl Ferrers: rethink on the licensing laws



## Pub doors may be opened to children

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PLANS are being drawn up to allow younger children into pubs and continental style cafés, the government said yesterday. Consultation papers are likely to be published by the end of this year with a view to issuing publicans with "children's certificates" allowing parents to take children under 14 into licensed premises.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is to meet senior representatives of the police, medical profession, brewing industry and educationists to discuss the proposals, which would be aimed at premises serving meals.

The move to open up licensed premises comes in the wake of changes this year in Scottish licensing laws and calls from the employment department to make licensed premises more appealing to foreign tourists. Earl Ferrers, home office minister,

who gave details of the consultation papers in the Lords, earlier came under attack for the increase in alcohol consumption by under-age drinkers. Viscount Falkland, for the all-party group on alcohol misuse, asked whether the law on drink sales to under-18s was being rigorously enforced. Lord Ferrers insisted that chief constables, courts and licensing justices had been reminded of their wide powers.

Lord Richard, for Labour, compared under-age drinking with Sunday trading by some supermarkets, and said: "If there is a law on the statute book then it should either be enforced or changed, but not just ignored." Lord Ferrers said: "I sometimes think that some peers and others won't be satisfied until half of the country is in the police force and the other half is in jail."

# European left accuses Hurd on social policy

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

SOCIALIST MEPs yesterday accused Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and the European Community's British presidency of trying to use the subsidiarity issue to move social issues off the agenda of the Twelve.

After Mr Hurd had outlined the government's priorities on EC policy to the European parliament, Jean-Pierre Cot, the leader of the Socialists, the largest group at Strasbourg, said Britain was abusing its dominant position. The Frenchman said he deplored the

"triumphalist tone" used by Mr Hurd and his colleagues when they talked of "subsidiarity justifying the British opt-out from social policy won at Maastricht".

"Listening to you, the subsidiarity principle seems like a magic vanishing powder," Mr Cot said. Referring to the length of the working week, he said: "If 48 hours are not enough for British workers, just add a bit of powder and, abracadabra, it's gone. Add some to rules on pregnant women, and they're watered down; the

problem of pollution in the seas around Blackpool, a bit of powder and it's gone."

Mr Hurd had described subsidiarity as "a necessary principle". He asked the parliament to consider ways in which "the excessive intrusion" of the EC could be countered. "The harmonious development of European union over the coming years depends to a considerable degree on the strict application to the existing and future legislation of the principle of subsidiarity."

Mr Hurd concentrated on the British presidency's often-stated objectives, such as laying the groundwork for enlarging the EC. He did not mention social policy. Earlier in the day, Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister, angered Socialists by telling the parliament that London would not waste time on intractable social policy debates, such as proposals to create European workers' councils, to regulate part-time work and to set standards for parental leave.

"Successive presidencies have come to the conclusion that there is no prospect of achieving agreement on them as matters stand," he said.

Mr Hurd said Britain would push for the so-called cohesion fund to be set up, to allow more EC funds to flow into the "poor four" nations of Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland. But he said that any final agreement on a new budget had to be "within a framework which recognises the budgetary pressures faced by all member states".

• Paris: French voters are growing less inclined to back the Maastricht treaty on European union, in a referendum due on September 20, according to an opinion poll yesterday. The BVA poll, in *Paris-Match*, showed 42 per cent of respondents would vote for ratifying the treaty, with 32 per cent against. A survey last month showed 48 per cent for and 26 per cent against. (Reuters)

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## Polish 'Thatcher' ready to take over

FROM PATRICIA KOZA IN WARSAW

PRESIDENT Walesa yesterday accepted the candidacy of Hanna Suchocka, a law professor, as Poland's first woman prime minister, apparently ending months of political uncertainty.

The announcement followed a 90-minute meeting between Mr Walesa and Ms Suchocka, 46, whom some describe as a Polish Margaret Thatcher — during which she presented a proposed government composed of seven post-Solidarity political parties.

If approved by parliament tomorrow, she would replace Waldemar Pawlak, the Peasant party leader who was named prime minister on June 5 but who has been unable to form a cabinet.

"After all the quarrels and conflicts, a government of national accord must be formed now," Ms Suchocka told reporters after the meeting. She added that her chances of forming a government were greater because "it is women who frequently moderate conflicts". The new government could provide the stability Poland has been lacking since the fractious parliamentary elections last October, when 29 political

parties were seated in the Sejm. Ms Suchocka already has a clear advantage over her two predecessors in that the parties in her coalition government would command a slim majority — 237 out of 460 seats. She is a professor of law at the Catholic University of Lublin, vice-president of the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe, and is fluent English, French and German.

The distribution of the cabinet posts, which includes several old hands, seemed to make everybody happy. Even the centre-right/centre alliance, which dropped out of the talks and went into opposition over Ms Suchocka's failure to retain their man as foreign trade minister, said they would nevertheless support the ruling coalition. "We need a stable government that will stay in place for two to three years," said Jan Rulewski of the Solidarity parliamentary caucus, who brokered the talks. "The things these parties have in common are their social programme and their roots in Solidarity, which feels a responsibility for this country."



Dissenting note: a woman with an anti-Yeltsin poster protesting outside the Moscow court yesterday about the trial of the former Soviet Communist party

## Yeltsin 'had right to ban party'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MOSCOW

THE Soviet Communist Party was the 20th century's most powerful organisation, a "phantom government" that stole state funds, repressed dissidents, and assassinated its enemies, President Yeltsin's lawyer told a court yesterday.

Sergei Shakhrai said in opening arguments to the Russian constitutional court that Mr Yeltsin had not only a legal right, but a constitutional obligation, to ban the party after last August's failed coup. Referring frequently to formerly secret party files, Mr Shakhrai spoke for more than

an hour to try to convince the 13-judge panel that the former ruling party was actually a state structure, and not an ordinary political party.

The leadership of the party took state funds like they were their own and spent them like they were somebody else's," he said.

In the opening day of the trial on Tuesday, pro-Communist members of Russia's parliament had argued that Mr Yeltsin exceeded his constitutional authority by shutting down the party and nationalising its property. Vladimir Bokov, a pro-Com-

munist M.P., argued that the party rank-and-file did not support the coup, although he conceded that some of its leaders were involved.

"The party as a whole had no relation to the events of August 19-21," Mr Bokov said.

Mr Shakhrai read a coded telegram from the party central committee to regional party bosses, directing them to follow the orders of the coup committee. He then read answers from party leaders in half a dozen regions declaring their full support for the coup.

## Ministries talk of anarchy

FROM ROBERT SEELY AND MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

SENIOR officials from Russia's defence and security ministries said yesterday there was a real threat of anarchy, caused either by extreme groups or a spontaneous response to miserable economic conditions. However, they denied that their ministries presented any danger to President Yeltsin's administration.

"I cannot rule out the possibility that numbers of extremists may provoke individual regions into disturbances. This may be the match that will light the fire," said Andrei Chernenko, spokesman for the Russian security ministry, formerly the KGB.

Speaking separately to the new headquarters of the Commonwealth armed forces in northern Moscow, Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov reinforced the denials that any coup was being planned.

He said that the bulk of the armed forces had rejected orders to take part in the coup last year and were even less likely to embark on a similar enterprise now.

However, Marshal Shaposhnikov, whose functions are now largely restricted to command of nuclear forces and overseeing the break-up of the remaining Soviet armed forces, said that national and local authorities should "show an appropriate attitude to the armed forces at this difficult time", a reference to the increasingly unwelcome presence of army units stationed in non-Russian regions of the former Soviet Union.

Adding to predictions of anarchy, Mikhail Gorbachev said in yesterday's *Literaturnaya Gazeta* that "society is congealing into an explosive mass".

• Sevastopol: The argument between the Ukrainian and Russian governments over control of the Black Sea fleet flared again yesterday after a group of pro-Russian naval officers threatened to take control of the fleet in protest over its "Ukrainisation".

PEOPLE

## Johnson pops up for Pepsi

In a sign of corporate support for Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the Pepsi-Cola company has produced a new television commercial starring the basketball player, who retired because he has the AIDS virus, officials said in New York.

After Johnson made his announcement in November, at least one television campaign featuring the former Los Angeles Lakers star was withdrawn as corporate America reassessed its relationship with the highly popular player. He has recently appeared in regional Pepsi advertising. The new advertisement will star Johnson and "hundreds of well-wishers", according to Pepsi officials.

Queen Noor, the wife of King Hussein of Jordan, paid a secret visit to Corsica to pick up her ailing mother, Doris Carlquist-Halaby, who was admitted to hospital with a serious heart condition while on holiday, informed sources said.

The media mogul Ted Turner said in Los Angeles that he had considered running for the White House, but was dissuaded by his wife, Jane Fonda, the actress, who was previously married to California assemblyman Tom Hayden.

The Australian prime minister, Paul Keating, and his New Zealand counterpart, Jim Bolger, upset other Pacific leaders by turning up late for the opening ceremony of the South Pacific Forum in Papua New Guinea.

## Mediterranean beaches

### Green groups dispute official claims

BEHIND the official figures showing the beaches of Italy and Greece rivaling each other to be regarded as the cleanest in the Mediterranean, other statistics paint a far less rosy picture for holidaymakers.

Italy has just experienced the wettest start to the summer for 40 years, making the state of its beaches a less pressing issue than might otherwise have been the case.

According to the EC report *Quality of Bathing 1991*, 91 per cent of the beach areas sampled at the frequency required by the EC's directive were within EC pollution limits. The figure falls only to 90 per cent, it said, if other, less frequently sampled areas were included.

The report on the homeland of Carlo Ripa di Meana, the former EC environment commissioner, concluded:

"The generally good quality of the bathing water at the coast, as reported in previous

years, was maintained in the 1991 bathing season."

The environmental pressure group Lega Ambiente (Environment League) takes an altogether less optimistic view, however. "It's a question of whether the glass is half full or half empty," said Lega Ambiente spokesman Roberto Della Seta. He said only 65 per cent of Italian beaches were in good condition. The rest were either unfit for bathing or had been insufficiently tested. "According to Italian law, swimming is forbidden unless the beaches have been properly tested," he added.

Responsibility for testing lies with local health authorities, but in tests Lega Ambiente carried out last month, several popular beaches in Italy were found unfit for bathing although the government passed them last year.

Naples was found to contain pollution 150 times higher than the level recommended by Italian law, which is stricter than the EC requirements. And water at some beaches on the holiday island of Ischia was 15 times over the limit.

Greece, with its 3,000 islands and 10,000 miles of coastline, has only two areas of serious and extended water pollution: Athens and Saloniaka areas respectively, and to a lesser extent on the part of the Paganikos gulf adjoining the city and industrial zone of Volos.

The centre describes the Saronic as the dumping ground for a daily production of 460,000 cubic yards of industrial waste and 890,000 cubic yards of raw sewage.

Invoking its own and Uni-

ted Nations findings, the centre insists, however, that Greek beaches are overall the cleanest in the Mediterranean, with no danger to either ecosystems or the health of the 10 million resident Greeks and equal number of annual tourists.

Apart from individual blackspots close to harbours, or where the sewage disposal arrangements of clusters of seaside restaurants or the older and smaller hotels are insufficient, the problem centres on the Saronic and Thermaic gulfs, polluted by the urban and industrial waste of the Athens and Saloniaka areas respectively, and to a lesser extent on the part of the Paganikos gulf adjoining the city and industrial zone of Volos.

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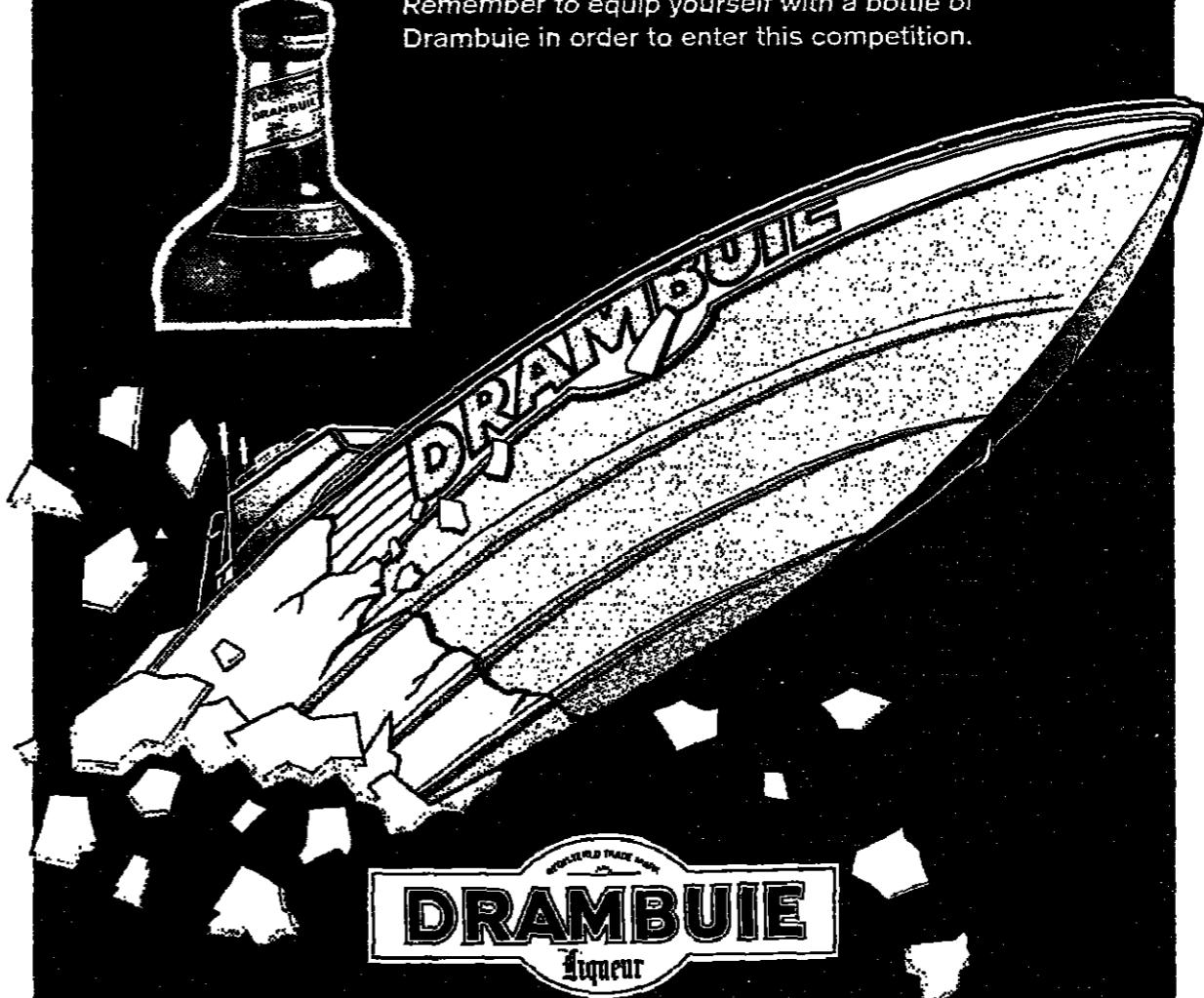
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Certain beaches at the following resorts fail to comply with EC standards

**ITALY**

- LIGURIA Lerici, Portovenere, Sestri Levante, Bogliasco, Genoa, Pieve Ligure, Varazze
- TUSCANY Piombino, San Giuliano Terme, Vecchiano, Massa
- MARCHE Pesaro, Fano, Ancona, Numana, Porto Recanati, Potenza Picena, Civitanova Marche, Conero, Fermignano, Cupra Marittima
- LAZIO Minturno, Formia, Fondi, Sperlonga, Terracina, San Felice Circeo, Sabaudia, Latina, Ardea, Ladispoli, Tarquinia
- CAMPANIA Pontecagnano Faiano, Salerno, Minori, Torre del Gravo, Scilla, Torre del Greco, Ercolano, Portici, Napoli, Pozzuoli, Procida, Ischia, Casamicciola Terme, Lacco Ameno, Giugliano in Campania, Castellammare, Mondragone
- ABRUZZO Città Sant'Angelo, Francavilla al Mare, Ortona, Fossacesia, Torino di Sangro
- CALABRIA Crotone, Isola Di Capo

Rizzuto, Catanzaro, Sovigliano, Santa Caterina dello Ionio, Joppolo, Tropea, Vibo Valentia, Pizzo, Giarre, Lamazza, Termi

FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA Trieste, Monfalcone, Staranzano

SICILY Isola delle Femmine, Capaci, Canni, Cinisi, Temesini

SARDINIA Sorso

GREECE Trappeto, Balestrate, Alcamo, Altilia Milicia, Vittoria, Santa Croce Camerina, Regusa, Soddi, Pozzallo, Riposto, Favazzina, Milazzo, Capo d'Orlando, Caprera, Leonforte, Cefalù, Campofelice di Roccella, Trabia, Santa Flavia, Bagheria, Ficarazzi, Palermo

Crete: Kalives, Kounoupidiani

NB: Places followed by names of beaches. Source: European Commission

# Peacekeeping body takes centre stage in European theatre

THE Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, begun in 1975 as a forum to establish East-West détente, is to become the primary forum for dealing with threats to peace in Europe.

It will decide how and what military action should be used in response, and will call on either Nato or the Western European Union to provide troops. Both organisations have just approved changes allowing them to deploy peacekeeping forces.

The summit will also approve the creation of a high commissioner for national minorities, to investigate ethnic tensions in the former communist countries, and will establish a forum for further arms control negotiations.

The immediate focus for the summit, the culmination of three months of preparatory work in Helsinki, is the civil war in Yugoslavia. The CSCE, whose numbers have rapidly grown to 52 with the admission of the newly recognised states of the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, has suspended the rump state of

## POST-COLD WAR SECURITY

Hotfoot from Munich, Western leaders fly to Helsinki today for a security summit that will set a new framework for stability in Europe. Michael Binyon writes

Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), after Russia dropped its objections. Serbia's claim to be the successor state to Yugoslavia has also been rejected.

The CSCE will declare itself a "regional organisation" within the meaning of Chapter 8 of the United Nations charter. This will enable it to co-ordinate its peacekeeping role with the UN. Both Nato and the WEU have changed their constitutions to make forces available to the CSCE. They must now agree on procedures.

The new high commissioner for minorities will deal with complaints of ethnic discrimination. He or she will be permanently available to receive reports, order investigations and make personal visits. He will also be closely involved in such procedures as the monitoring of minority rights guarantees given to the European Community by Croatia and Slovenia before they were recognised as sovereign states.

The commissioner will not consider applications by bodies that practise terrorism, such as Eta in Spain or the IRA, and individuals with recourse to other bodies to hear their grievances cannot appeal to him. No candidate has yet been named.

On arms control, the CSCE will take responsibility for ensuring that earlier agreements such as the Convention on Forces in Europe treaty are ratified, especially in the states of the former Soviet Union.

Now that the Vienna negotiating forum has ended, further arms control proposals will be

launched by the CSCE. The organisation will try to ensure that member states' military expenditure does not exceed the level required for national defence.

On the peaceful settlement of disputes, the formal mechanism already exists, having been agreed in the Charter of Paris in 1990. France would like to expand this with a court of conciliation, an idea Britain has endorsed, but which America opposes.

The summit leaders may want to look more closely at this to prevent duplication with the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

CSCE decisions are made by consensus, so all member states would have to agree on any peacekeeping mission. Also, the organisation itself has no troops. It would have to call on Nato or other groups to provide men and material.

The group also agreed to streamline its procedures so it can investigate and mediate potential conflicts before fighting starts without always waiting for consensus of all member states.



The CSCE is also establishing an economic co-operation forum to aid 18 new countries that are in transition to democracy and market economies, helping them remain stable.

"For the first time in decades we are facing warfare in the CSCE region," according to *The Challenges of Change*, the final document released yesterday. It was approved by senior negotiators who debated all night to arrive at a consensus.

The declaration said the CSCE, at the request of one or more member states, would consider peacekeeping operations on a case-by-case basis under strict guidelines. "CSCE peacekeeping operations may be undertaken in cases of conflict within or among participating states to help maintain peace and stability in support of an ongoing

effort at a political solution," it said.

Mapping out their future work programme, the leaders will probably agree that the CSCE should not be expanded into a large bureaucracy. Decisions will continue to be taken by consensus, although this is cumbersome in such a large body. Like the EC, leadership of the CSCE will rotate, with a troika arrangement of past, present and future presidencies.

America has suggested formalising the various committees of senior officials, but many countries are strongly opposed to any inner "security council" on a UN model, though it is widely acknowledged that this would be more efficient.

The aim of the summit is to make the CSCE the primary security body for the developed northern hemisphere. Japan, the only industrialised democracy of the G7 not represented, has been pushing for inclusion in CSCE deliberations, and will be granted special guest status at Helsinki.

# Pentagon chiefs shy away from perils of quagmire operation

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

ANY international operation to force through a land corridor to allow the safe passage of humanitarian aid from the Adriatic to Sarajevo would be fraught with danger and could lead to long-term deployment of troops in the region.

No potential route is risk-free because of the random nature of the ethnic mix and the rapidly changing military landscape since the Croats began their counter-attacks against the Bosnian Serbs. Also, all the routes are mountainous, climbing steeply from the coast, which is why Tito's partisans were able to hold out for so long against the Germans and Italians in the second world war.

In planning the logistics for a land corridor, the countries involved will need to guarantee supplies of ammunition, food, water, and above all, fuel. The incoming forces will not be able to depend on local fuel supplies, as they did in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf campaign, partly because fuel stocks are already under strain due to the United Nations oil embargo.

The obvious Adriatic port from which to start the land corridor would be Split, about 150 miles from Sarajevo. Dubrovnik is still under siege.

John Zemetic, an expert on the former Yugoslav state from the school of social and policy studies at the Central Polytechnic of London, suggests the route could go from

defence officials, who fear that even tightly limited UN-backed military action in Yugoslavia could result in America being sucked in to a "Lebanon in the Balkans".

Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, and General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, are reluctant to commit air or naval units to help supply Sarajevo. Contingency plans are being drawn up and will be discussed with America's Nato partners in the next few days, but there is an element of shadow-boxing about the whole process.

Although the White House and the State Department seem more convinced about the need for America to do something, hand-wringing is much in evidence and there are distinct signs that there is a lack of political will for action. James Baker, the Secretary of State, and Brent Scowcroft, President Bush's national security adviser, are far more willing to consider American involvement, but both are far from gung-ho. Mr Baker frequently punctuates his remarks with the observation that there is a "quagmire problem".

There are long-term implications for such an operation. If the road to Sarajevo becomes a free-flowing aid route, what about the many other towns and villages which are suffering equal deprivation? One land corridor is opened, how many others might be necessary?

President Bush's aides fear the prospect of body-bags being returned to America in the middle of a presidential contest that at the moment is not going Mr Bush's way. "Is there a vital national interest for us in Yugoslavia? I think we would be hard-pushed to come up with one that would satisfy the American public," a Republican source said.

Last month John Bolton, the Assistant Secretary of State, told a congressional committee: "When we talk about peace operations, you're talking about sending in forces that have to be willing to kill and understand that they are going to suffer, or could suffer, substantial casualties."

Mr Bush showed yesterday that his primary consideration is a domestic one. Although repeating his intention to support any Nato operation in Yugoslavia, he made clear that he had no plans "to inject ourselves into a combat situation in Yugoslavia". He underscored his obvious reluctance for the US to get involved militarily by saying: "I don't think anybody suggests that if there is a hiccup here or there or a conflict here or there that the United States is going to leave them 5 per cent. This leaves them 5 per cent to send troops."

Despite several Serbo-Croat talks on the partitioning of Bosnia, President Tudjman of Croatia was yesterday quoted as denying the existence of any secret pact, but he did say that insecurity caused by Bosnian Muslim leaders meant that "initiatives appeared among the Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina for the Croat-populated areas to be joined to the republic of Croatia".

The Belgrade news agency, Tanjug, has appealed for the release of its correspondent Milan Sobic, whom it said had been imprisoned by Croats in the Bosnian town of Zenica since last Thursday. "We have every reason to believe his life is in danger," it said.

In Serbia, anti-government protest continued as hundreds of farmers with their tractors blocked a main road into Belgrade. On Tuesday night, students and others blocked the motorway across Serbia and other Belgrade roads. "Criticism in public is

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## President to beg for foreign troops

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday left Sarajevo on an empty military transport plane for the Conference on Co-operation and Security in Europe summit in Helsinki to plead for full-scale military intervention and meet President Bush.

While Sarajevo was relatively calm, Mr Izetbegovic flew out of the Bosnian capital after an upsurge of overnight fighting that left several buildings ablaze. UN officials said that more than 80 international relief flights had landed at Sarajevo to help relieve the plight of its 300,000 inhabitants besieged by Serb forces for three months.

Bosnian officials have taken on a far more militant tone over the past few days despite the UN-coordinated relief effort. They have sworn that the people of Sarajevo would prefer to eat roots rather than French military rations if that were the price of freedom. This hardline rhetoric comes as each day brings further confirmation of the political and military disaster facing Bosnian Muslims. Serbs and Croats continue to race to seize as much territory as possible before being forced to stop by any military intervention.

Last Friday, Bosnian Croat leaders followed the example of Bosnian Serbs who seceded from the republic in April. Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader, has welcomed the move, calling it the "realisation of the right to self-determination" and proposing a Serbo-Croat con-

federation in Bosnia. He said: "It would be good if the Muslim side would also accept reality and declare its territorial demands, and join the negotiations, so that the rights of the Muslim people are not denied."

Muslims, who make up 44 per cent of Bosnia's population, point out that Serbs demand 65 per cent of the republic's territory, and that Croats now control 30 per cent. This leaves them 5 per cent to send troops."

They put no figure on the sums needed, but they made clear their great concern about nuclear plants that are said to

## Fund to tackle aging reactors in the East

FROM MICHAEL BINION IN MUNICH

LEADERS of the G7 nations called yesterday for the setting up of an international fund to finance the huge task of making safe aging nuclear reactors in Central and Eastern Europe.

The fund would be supported and co-ordinated by the G24 group of industrialised democracies already giving aid to former communist countries. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development would also contribute, and the fund would take into account bilateral help previously promised.

The immediate aim would be to improve the safety of the reactors. A survey would be carried out of the costs, plant safety, energy policies and possible alternative sources of energy for the countries concerned. The World Bank and International Atomic Energy Agency should prepare studies of energy requirements and the cost implications, the leaders said.

The prime minister said the dangers Russia alone faced were enormous, with almost a dozen stations like Chernobyl in the former Soviet Union alone. "Chernobyl to some may seem a long way away, but I must say to you it is pretty close at home to a sheep farmer in north Wales who, six years after the Chernobyl incident, still cannot sell his sheep at market," he said.

## NUCLEAR SAFETY

### Manifesto for better tomorrow

Munich: Following are excerpts from the statement read out by Helmut Kohl to conclude the G7 summit.

□ Gatt: We expect that an agreement can be reached before the end of 1992.

□ Economic policy: We pledge to adopt policies aimed at creating jobs and growth... by continuing to pursue sound monetary and financial policies to support the upturn without rekindling inflation. They would "create the scope for lower interest rates; curbing excessive public deficits above all by limiting public spending."

□ Environment: We... urge all countries, developed and developing, to direct their policies and resources towards sustainable development.

□ Third World aid: We are deeply concerned about the unprecedented drought in Southern Africa... we call on all countries to assist...

□ Aid to former Soviet Union: We offer the new states our help for their self-help. (Reuters)

## Leaders promise to spur global recovery

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

TOO many people are out of work, the Group of Seven leaders said baldly in their final communiqué yesterday, and they promised to adopt policies aimed at creating jobs and growth.

They claimed that there were signs of a global recovery and to spur sustainable growth, they said, they would pursue sound monetary and financial policies to support the upturn without rekindling inflation. They would "create the scope for lower interest rates through the reduction of excessive public deficits and the promotion of savings", they said. Also they would "curb excessive public deficits above all by limiting public spending".

The economic declaration, *Working Together for Growth and a Safer World*, said that the heads of state and government expected agreement under the Uruguay round of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks to be reached before the end of the year. The declaration said the leaders' backing for a multistage programme of support for the

former Soviet Union and set out plans for a safety programme for nuclear power stations in Central and Eastern Europe.

In a follow-up to last month's Earth summit, the declaration called on other nations to join the G7 partners in ratifying the climate change convention by the end of next year, drawing up environmental action plans by then, giving financial and technical assistance to developing countries for sustainable development, and boosting the United Nations global environment facility to turn it into a permanent funding mechanism. But America, which did not sign the Rio de Janeiro convention on biodiversity, again succeeded in watering down a section on the protection of species.

The G7 pledged to try to increase the quality and quantity of assistance to developing countries. It welcomed the Paris Club of bankers agreement to extend extra relief to the poorest countries.

## Major deals gently with green protester after G7 setbacks

FROM ROBIN OAKLEY AND IAN MURRAY IN MUNICH

GREEN demonstrators infiltrated the G7 press conferences of John Major and President Bush yesterday, winning a polite and sympathetic hearing from both.

In contrast, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor and summit host, angrily branded a group who were arrested when they booted the arrival of Judge criticised police for using undue violence in breaking up the demonstration outside the Residenz. The police had moved into the crowd in an attempt to remove demonstrators before they could whistle or boo the summit leaders.

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one of the basic methods of expressing an opinion in a democracy, in contrast to the orchestrated cheers of the mass parades in past times," he said.

Mr Major took a benign view when he was confronted by a solitary demonstrator who interrupted the British press conference by climbing on a chair and unfurling a banner reading "Our planet is dying. When will we change?"

Security guards rushed to pull him away, only to find he was chained to his chair. "Gently, gently," Mr Major voice right now and if you'd be quiet maybe you could hear it."

At the conference, Mr Major was reminded by the former British ambassador, Peter Jay, that Munich is not the best place for British prime ministers to come seeking agreements. The prime minister's failure at the G7 in securing the breakthrough towards a Gatt trade agreement, for which he was so publicly striving, ranks as his first unhappy experience at a summit.

In Munich, he learnt the danger of making demands on the diplomatic circuit without having checked in advance what the answer will be. Optimistic British intimations on Monday that one more shove could do it, and that Mr Major was ready to supply the "political push" on Gatt, gave way to gloomy recognition that a long haul was still needed.

• Washington: President Bush's chances of re-election appeared yesterday as gloomy as they were before he went to the Munich summit (Janet Dettmer writes). An opinion poll found almost two-thirds of older Americans now disapprove of the way he is handling the White House and his performance at the G7 gathering is regarded as lacklustre.

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## Quebec offered new legal identity Canada prepares to change constitution

FROM JOHN BEST IN OTTAWA

**AN END** to Canada's long and divisive constitutional stalemate seemed to be in prospect yesterday after the federal government and nine provinces concluded an agreement that would radically alter the way the country is governed.

The agreement, announced late on Tuesday after a 14-hour bargaining session among federal and provincial leaders in Ottawa, should reshape the senate, the upper chamber of Canada's parliament, giving it more power. It would also expand the House of Commons, recognise the French-speaking province of Quebec as a distinct society within Canada, enshrine the right of indigenous people to self-government, and give all the provinces a veto over changes to national institutions.

Joe Clark, the federal constitutional affairs minister, emerged from the meeting with provincial premiers to proclaim: "This was a historic day and a historic process." He could not recall another occasion since the Canadian confederation in 1867 when there had been "so much agreement on such a wide range of issues".

Whether the deal is acceptable to Quebec, however, remains uncertain. Robert Bourassa, premier of Quebec, which accounts for a quarter of Canada's population of 27 million, boycotted the Ottawa



discussions. He has said that he will entertain "offers" from English-speaking Canada on constitutional reform.

Quebec was angered two years ago when a renewal package that it had endorsed warmly was vetoed by two of the nine English-speaking provinces. If the new offers are acceptable to Quebec, an independence referendum planned for October 26 will be transformed into a vote on renewed federalism.

Mr Bourassa may find it hard to accept the proposal to reform the senate as it would give all the provinces an equal number of seats, eight, whereas Quebec and Ontario, the two largest provinces, each have 24 out of the current total of 104. Senators would also be elected, whereas at present they are appointed by the prime minister.

Furthermore, the redesigned senate would have much more clout, with increased powers to reject government bills affecting natural resources. This was a particular demand of some of Canada's western provinces.

### NEWS IN Brief UN chief urges ANC to talk

Pretoria: national and international pressure began to build on the African National Congress yesterday to resume talks for a constitutional settlement in South Africa. But so far the movement is firmly resisting the idea. (Michael Hanly writes)

Bourous Ghali, the UN secretary-general, offered in a telephone call to Pretoria to send Cyrus Vance, the former US Secretary of State, on a goodwill mission to see if he can clear the way for as yet unspecified UN action to bring the two sides together.

Dr Terence Delport, deputy minister for constitutional development, also called on the ANC to return to the negotiating table.

### Riots continue

New York: A police officer was shot and more than 20 people were injured in a second night of rioting and arson in an Hispanic area of Washington Heights. The unrest began on Friday when police shot dead a grocery shop assistant.

### Secrets worry

New York: Iraq may be shredding documents on its ballistic missile capability while preventing UN weapons inspectors from entering the Iraqi agriculture ministry in Baghdad, the head of the UN commission charged with disarming Iraq said.

### Families return

Beirut: The Lebanese government is to return thousands of refugees to 116 villages and towns 15 years after they were forced to leave their homes when the country was partitioned along religious lines. There are 200,000 displaced families in the country.

### Algiers change

Algiers: Belaid Abdessalam, 64, a former energy minister, is to replace Sid Ahmed Ghazali as Algerian prime minister. Mr Ghazali resigned to enable President Ali Kafi, who succeeded the late Muhammad Boudiaf, to appoint his own team. (Reuters)

### Pilot defects

Athens: A Libyan air force pilot sought asylum in Greece after his MiG23 was intercepted by Greek air force jets before making a forced landing on the island of Crete. The pilot, 28, was slightly hurt as the jet skidded and caught fire. (Reuters)

**'Killer' chicken**  
Cape Town: Nimrod Nbini, 76, charged with killing a penguin on a beach, told a magistrate here that he thought it was a "killer" chicken. Nbini, who had never seen a penguin, said it pecked his leg and he thought it would kill him. (Reuters)

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In the clear: Olivia Riner, 20, a Swiss nanny who had been accused of killing a three-month-old child by setting a house on fire, on her way to Winchendon county court in White Plains, New York, where she was yesterday acquitted of murder and arson, charges that could have sent her to

prison for more than 25 years. Judge Donald Silverman had hinted that he might overturn the verdict if the jury convicted her. Prosecutors admitted there was no direct evidence against her. The parents of the dead child showed little emotion as the verdict was read out. (Reuters)

## Patten takes over non-stop colony

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN HONG KONG

FRESH from the friendly rolling Downs, the swaying poppies and the mustard fields of his former Bath constituency, Chris Patten will today come face to face with what will be his home for the next five years — the heartland of the cellular telephone and the howling expressway, a 415 square mile territory where six million people live and the road or mountain trail named in his honour.

Mr Patten will have to perform multifarious ceremonial duties, opening everything, presenting everything, presiding over every ritual and taking every salute.

He will quickly learn to respond when somebody whispers "Your Excellency" and to accept graciously the fulsome attentions of fawning officialdom. With Lavender, his wife, he will host parties and banquets for thoroughly diamond-bedevilled ladies and portly gentlemen in the stately grounds of his residence.

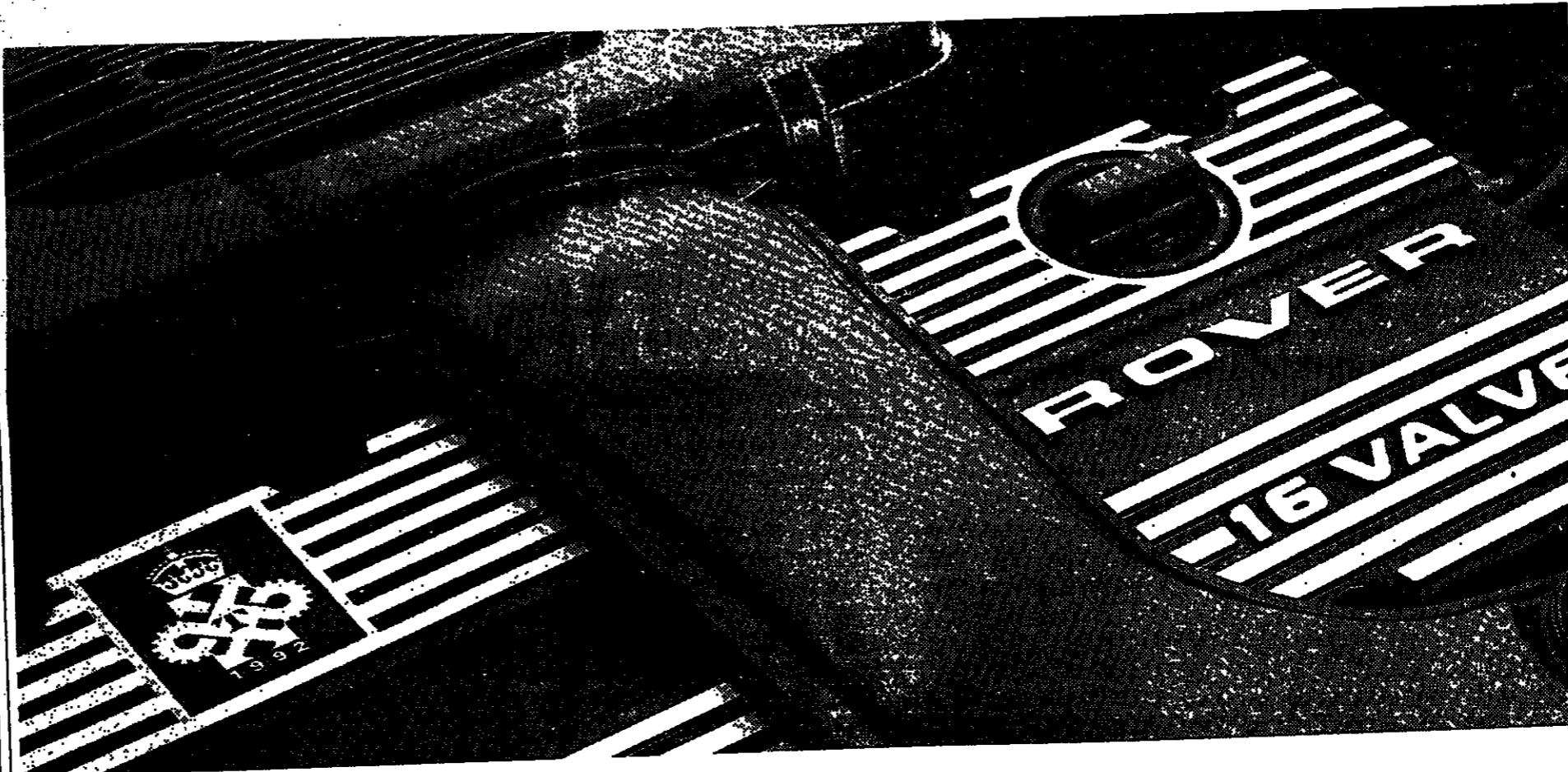
Nobody has time to daily over another pint of dry cider in Hong Kong. Members of the Chinese community barely pause these days to exchange their chirpy traditional Cantonese greeting — "Respectfully hope you will get rich" — and foreign plutocrats stop only to ask each other if they have banked another million yet.

Mr Patten may not quite be in the league of those who live for a year off the proceeds of a couple of foreign-exchange transactions, but with judicious use of his monthly £2,800 entertainment allowance and his £15,000 tax-free annual salary, he will not be doing too badly.

To earn the knighthood that inevitably comes with the governorship of Hong Kong

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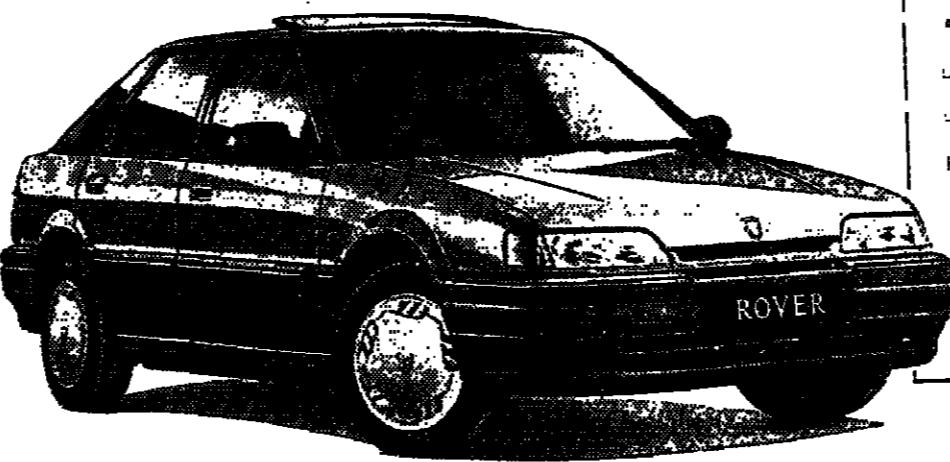


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## Mr Patten's first hurdle

**Democracy is the key to a stable future for Hong Kong, says Martin Lee**

**A**s he takes up his post today as Hong Kong's last governor, Chris Patten must be clear about his overriding responsibility during the last five years of British rule to allow the people of Hong Kong to practise democratic self-government in accordance with the 1984 Joint Declaration. Only then will we have a smooth transition in 1997 and be able to maintain our freedoms and our autonomy under the sovereignty of the People's Republic of China.

By replacing the Sinologist Lord Wilson with the political heavyweight Mr Patten, John Major has indicated that he intends to review Britain's policy of appeasement towards China. Such a review is long overdue. Rather than securing the co-operation of Peking, appeasement has led to ever-increasing demands and repeated breaches of the Joint Declaration. China's continuing opposition to Hong Kong's new airport shows the shortsightedness of the colonial government's approach. For a year after Mr Major conceded a large share of Hong Kong's economic autonomy in order to obtain Peking's assent for the airport, China has forced Britain back to the bargaining table and is demanding still further concessions.

**L**ord Wilson and his appointees stressed the need to agree to all Chinese demands for the sake of good relations in the short term, rather than the need to defend the Joint Declaration and establish democratic institutions. But Hong Kong's first elections, for one third of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, last September saw a landslide victory for the pro-democracy camp. All 18 of us have voted in favour of pushing for this proportion to be increased to at least a half by 1995. But not one of Lord Wilson's appointees from the colonial business elite was willing to back democracy, so our motion failed by two votes. Mr Patten must not use the appointees' votes as an excuse to back down from Britain's pledge to respect the wishes of the people of Hong Kong.

We are aware that even a modest move towards democracy runs the risk of antagonising China. Our opponents and the two Communist-controlled newspapers in Hong Kong constantly hammered this theme home before the 1991 elections. Yet the people of Hong Kong overwhelmingly elected us, because they believe it is necessary to stand up to China's pressure and proceed with democratisation. We do not believe that Peking will act so rashly as to demolish a smoothly functioning democratic local government on July 1, 1997.

**W**hile the democratically elected representatives of Hong Kong believe strongly in the need for a good working relationship between Hong Kong and China, we are not willing to relinquish our rightful authority over our own internal affairs. We are extremely unhappy that the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, contrary to the provisions in the Joint Declaration that it should be only a diplomatic consultative body, has increasingly become the mechanism by which London and Peking make decisions about our affairs without our consent and often against our wishes.

As the new governor, Mr Patten must allow Hong Kong to stand on its own feet and negotiate for itself. Currently, Peking greatly prefers to deal directly with London, which is considered more willing to make concessions since it has much less at stake than Hong Kong. Certainly this has been the case in the airport negotiations. Come 1997, however, Hong Kong will have to negotiate with Peking on its own; the sooner Britain allows us to do so, the better.

Hope Mr Patten will keep at the forefront of his mind Mr Major's statement at the Commonwealth Conference last year in Zimbabwe: "The bedrock of what we must do must be the general application of democracy and human rights. That means the rights of our citizens to choose freely who governs them." If we the people of Hong Kong, who will remain here after 1997, are willing to take a stand on democracy even at the expense of displeasing Peking, what on earth can possibly be holding Mr Major and Mr Patten back?

The author is a QC and leader of the United Democrats of Hong Kong.

If Labour is ever to win it must convince the middle classes it is on their side, writes David Lipsey

## Goodbye big spender

**B**elieving in greater equality is the traditional hallmark of the socialist. Following Labour's election defeat, widely blamed on John Smith's soak-the-rich tax policies, must it now be ditched? Not so, but Labour's commitment to equality needs a complete rethink.

For the founding fathers of socialism, equality seemed not only right but popular. Under 19th and early-20th-century capitalism, a gulf existed between the rich and the rest. The top 10 per cent in society lorded it over a downtrodden 90 per cent.

That is no longer an accurate description of society. The rich 10 per cent are still with us. So are the poor, who constitute not 90 per cent, but perhaps 20 per cent of society. That leaves perhaps 70 per cent who are neither one nor the other.

This dispensation is not confined to Britain. A similar structure can be seen in America, although there race adds another colour. It is true of France and Germany; indeed the 10:70:20 model appears to apply to all Western capitalist societies.

This is crude sociology, but elections are rarely lost by an excess of crudity. And the political significance of this change cannot be overstated. In Britain, Labour can naturally expect the support of most of the bottom 20 per cent, although this is the segment of the population least likely to vote. Labour will win only a few votes at the top. Its task, at which it failed on April 9, is to appeal to the broad mass in the middle, who need persuading that equality is in their interests.

The middle 70 per cent, including many middle-class people, are potentially sympathetic to Labour values. They want good public provision, since private education and health care are beyond their pockets. Many lack capital, and many resent the wealth of the rich; and they fear the burden of their mortgages and the insecurity of their jobs. What Labour needs is a policy for equality

which attracts them as well as the poor.

That will be task of the committee on social justice proposed by Mr Smith. The form of the enquiry is important. Experts will be queuing up to offer advice. Most will be keen redistributionists, motivated by a desire to help the poor. Left to themselves they can be relied upon to design policies that shower munificence on the bottom 20 per cent of voters. But if Labour wants a winning policy, these well-meaning experts must be kept on a tight rein.

The commission should not be in the business of punishing the top 10 per cent whom many in the middle aspire to join. It would be well for Labour to give an unbreakable commitment that no taxpayer will face a marginal tax and national insurance rate of more than 50 per cent of his or her income.

Nor should the commission be transfixed by direct taxation

of incomes. A two-tier or multi-tier VAT, weighing rather more heavily on luxury items, might form part of the armoury. Labour should also look again at the whole tangle of taxation on capital and wealth. Inheritance tax, in particular, bites heavily on relatively small fortunes while millionaires effortlessly avoid it.

How tax money is spent is as important to equality as how it is raised. Some public spending is redistributive in the right direction, for example, income support to the poor. Some, however, is redistributive in the wrong direction, for example grants to Covent Garden and subsidies for British Rail.

In general, Labour is prone to think that because it approves of the objects of particular expenditure (for example, public transport), the state should subsidise them. But there is nothing intrinsically superior about public funding or subsidy.

Indeed, Labour should think harder than the Tories about getting certain expenditures off the state's back. There is no logical reason why the state should provide the road system. It could be privatised. Tolls could be levied. Some of the proceeds could be used to bolster those forms of public transport most used by the less well off, especially buses.

The review is also being urged to consider ending universal state benefits. These are a great burden on the taxpayer, and are hard to defend. Why should Joe Soap's taxes be used to provide the child benefit with which Lady Muck pays her cleaner?

But this is swamp territory, for altruism is not what makes the middle 70 per cent tick. They support state spending, not because of what it does for the poor, but because of what they want it to do for them. Confining benefits to the poor and a populist wave of opposition

may be expected from potential Labour voters who think their cash is going to shirkers, scroungers and immigrants.

Balance is all. Labour would be foolish to repeat its error of 1992 by promising big increases in universal benefits such as pensions and child benefit, a policy, incidentally, which appears to have won it no votes at all. There should be no repetition of the commitment to uprate pensions in line with either prices or earnings, which increases faster, and it would be wrong in principle and in practice to promise a real increase in child benefit.

The illusion that taxpayers can be bribed with their own money should die. Equally, Labour should remain the party of universal services and decent state provision. Not only is that morally right, it is what the middle 70 per cent of the population want — and may be persuaded to vote for.

**David Lipsey** writes for *The Economist*. His pamphlet *The Name of the Rose* is published tomorrow by the Fabian Society at £3.50.

## Bard-card: that will do nicely

**In praise of his flexible friends, Bernard Levin owns up and lays his credit cards on the table**

**I** am on record, in the case of Mr David Schummy, as saying that "salutations are due, and properly given, to anyone who can do anything better than anyone else." (Mr Schummy scored by being the world's greatest boomerang-thrower when last heard from, he had kept the boomerang in the air, before it returned to his hand, for 36.33 seconds.)

Mind, there are no conditions as to benefit for mankind and similar nonsense; if a man stands on one leg for 17 years without a break he would be entitled to the coveted Levin Accolade for Excellence. However daft. But I confess that I have recently come upon a contender for the prize who has made me wish that I had laid down certain restrictions, just as *The Guinness Book of Records* very rightly refuses to accept endeavours which might put people in danger.

Gulping hard, then, I pin the certificate on the chest of Mr Walter Cavanagh of New York, who carries about with him, in a specially designed wallet (I'll say it's specially designed) 1028 credit cards, weighing 35lb.

Any man faced with a claim like that will inevitably turn to his wallet and count his cards; I have just done so, and I am amazed to find that I have no fewer than 12. Reading from left to right, I make it Visa, MasterCard, American Express, BT Chargecard, Euro-cheque card, cash-machine card, BT phonocard, dito Mercury, Marks and Spencer storecard, London Library pass, two dittos, and something called Centrecard, which has run out.

Yes, but 1028? (And, incidentally, he ought to be giving a thought to the design of his wallet; if I have remembered the pound/gramme relation correctly — a most unlikely sup-

position — two-thirds of what he is juggling around is the wallet and only one-third is the cards.)

Never mind the width. To start with, if I hear myself once more saying "What did we do before credit cards?" and getting no answer, I shall cut several of mine in half, as one is supposed to do when disposing of the things. Actually, I have cut a lot of them in half, over the years, because if Mr Cavanagh holds the record of the number carried (well, I presume he does), I must be the champion at forgetting my PIN number. The trouble is that the doomsday letters you get about never telling anyone your PIN and never writing it down, and never letting anyone look over your shoulder at the cash-machine, that I am practically programmed to forget the damned thing the moment it arrives.

I tried turning the numbers into acronyms for a bit, but it was too depressing to go on tapping in PONG or DEAD. I will happily swap my current ones for, say, BEER, LOVE or CATS, like those idiots who pay astounding sums to get a car number-plate with their initials on it. Now I come to think of it, since the number-plate where plain works, would any entrepreneur like to join in me in setting up a business dealing in PIN-swaps?

Let us come back to Mr Cavanagh for a moment, as he waddles about with half a hundredweight of oblong plastic distributed about his person. How does he do it? (Let us not even think about why he does it.) There are, of course, very many facilities which offer cards — shops, airlines, places of enter-

tainment, restaurants — but the great majority of card-givers will, in addition, accept the worldwide umbrella cards, Visa and Access and their like. In other words, most items of Mr Cavanagh's collection are quite unnecessary.

Well I suppose most of us would have twigged that much by now, unaided. But of course he is not really worried about being arrested if, after having consumed a couple of Big Macs, he realises that he hasn't got a card to pay with. Then again, I would like to know whether he gives each of his 1028

an outing in rotation; it would be a rotten deal if he just uses Visa or Access like the rest of us and lugs the rest about for reasons unknown.

There has been a good deal of trilling with American Express lately. Some facilities are giving it up. Nico has a fierce statement across his menu, saying "We do not accept American Express cards". The reason is that although it is perfectly convenient for the buyer (although there is a substantial annual fee), the sellers are complaining that whereas Visa and Co are content with 1.5 per cent as their rakeoff,

Amex slices off something like three times that.

I had a monumental run-in with Amex, extending over five months, a couple of years ago, in the course of which I wrote what I think must be the rudest letter I have ever penned in my life — no small claim; I have arranged to have it read out at my funeral. Amex was entirely unnecessary.

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wilds of Wyoming when they return from Munich. The last time the two men went fishing together was in 1988 — immediately after which it was announced that Baker would co-ordinate Bush's first presidential campaign.

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**F**or all of their faults and dangers, credit cards are an immense boon. Imagine clutching bundles of banknotes, or always waiting while a substantial cheque is tactfully authorised. The credit card has to be scrutinised, too, but that is now done automatically almost everywhere; a mild whirring, a signature, and off we go.

I try to use my cards for different purposes — one for business, one for pleasure, and so on — but I always forget which is which; mind you, all the credit-card companies I use are excellent at listing everything paid for (Amex even sends you the duplicate of the signed slip).

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**P**aten's favourite after dinner story currently concerns the six bottles of Rioja he found languishing in the ministerial cupboard on his first day in office. "It was of such excruciating quality," he says, "that I decided the only way to get rid of it was to invite the general secretaries of the teaching unions for lunch and inflict it on them." His own tastes, he explains, are far more sophisticated. Having held his seat on election night, he and his wife returned home and sat down to a feast of corned beef sandwiches washed down with "a bottle of the most excellent burgundy, at £4.50 in the morning, when the BBC finally conceded defeat."

**E**urope salutes

**SIR EDWARD HEATH**, who is 76 today, will spend his birthday quietly recuperating from his recent operation, but friends are planning to compensate with a celebratory evening later in the year. Lady Barber and Mrs Paul Channon are organising a gala tribute in London's Guildhall to celebrate "a lifetime of achievement" on September 15, by which time they hope the former prime minister will be fully recovered.

The evening is expected to feature the New Queen's Hall Orchestra, of which Heath is president. The orchestra, a revival of that formed by Sir Henry Wood in 1895, will use some of the original instruments. Heath remembers the orchestra well: "My earliest memories are of performances which were full of vitality and expression, whose spirit was often achieved by a combination of spontaneity and fantasy." Among the guests to give the event a suitable EC flavour, will be Jacques Delors.



**...and moreover**  
**CRAIG BROWN**

**T**he delicate negotiations between the health secretary, Mrs Bottomley, and the British Dental Association seem set to continue for some weeks. On her way out of the last session with them, Mrs Bottomley said she felt a little numb and swollen, but she still had every confidence.

From the very beginning, the negotiations have been tough. Mrs Bottomley and her team arrived at the headquarters of the British Dental Association five minutes early. Feeling a little tense, they waited in silence in a reception area pleasantly decorated with colourful wall-charts demonstrating how to floss the forward march of plaque. After a few minutes, they each picked up an old copy of *Homes and Gardens* magazine, trying to quell their fear by concentrating their minds on October 1989 profiles of Keith Floyd headed "Will the Real Keith Floyd Please Stand Up?" and articles detailing twelve tips for adding Christmas cheer to your seasonal decorations ("A few sprigs of holly around a central orange can prove most effective").

Fifteen minutes later, just as they were growing strangely fascinated by a recipe for a traditional Christmas Scandinavian egg nog, Mrs Bottomley and her team were called in by the president of the British Dental Association. "Make yourself comfortable," he said to Mrs Bottomley, pointing at his couch. "Now, we haven't seen you for a quite a while have we?"

"Open wide! How often do you brush your teeth? Oh dear, only twice a day?" It was the chief treasurer of the BDA, a thoroughgoing professional, admired throughout his profession for his guile-mongering skills. "And how often do you floss? Have you been eating many sweets lately? And how often do you say something that you later regret? And isn't it frankly about time you wrote that thank-you letter?"

With Mrs Bottomley now undergoing a vigorous scraping and polishing, her junior minister pursued the negotiations. "I would urge all dentists to think long and hard before WAARGH!" he said. "Did you experience a little discomfort?" asked the chief entertainments officer of the BDA, applying his thumb and forefinger, a block of dark rubber and a piece of tubing making a gentle gurgling sound.

When the president removed the implement from her mouth, Mrs Bottomley decided that the time was now right to push forward the government's plans for an imposition of a 7 per cent cut in fees. "Like it or not, we are determined that your fees simply must grow more in line with..."

"Have a little rinse out, would you?" interrupted the general secretary of the BDA, pointing to a glass of pithy mouthwash. Mrs Bottomley did as she was told, before resuming "...the target salary, more than generous in our..."

## Family in high places

**W**HATEVER else they may level at him, let no one accuse Lord Heseltine of sexism. In a variation on the usual theme, Heseltine, as government chief whip in the Lords, has created a job for the boys, but for one of the girls.

The lady in question is none other than his cousin, Sophie McEwen, who began work last week as the taxpayer's expense as Heseltine's own personal political adviser.

Lordly eyebrows have been raised in the Upper Chamber, not simply because of the family connection, but because no previous chief whip in the Lords has ever felt the need for a political adviser. "I am not a distant cousin of the chief whip you know," she says. "I am a close relative. We are first cousins and we get on very well. When Alexander decided he came straight to me," Tory peers are particularly surprised, at the appointment, given that Lord Wakeham, the Leader of the Lords, who works a 16-hour day and chairs a number of cabinet committees, thought his workload only warranted a part-time adviser, and in the end decided not to hire one at all.

McEwen, who has been on holiday since the general election, was special adviser to Lord Waddington, the last Leader of the Lords. After Wakeham made it clear he did not think there was a job for her, Heseltine suggested to other cabinet colleagues that they might consider appointing his cousin, who previously handled publicity for Bob Hoskins and Jeremy Irons. They all turned her down.

The wisdom of a member of the government appointing a close member of his own family to such

a sensitive post is being called into question on all sides of the House. Lord Graham of Edmonton, the Labour chief whip, says: "We do not run to these luxuries. I am afraid. We don't have special advisers. We do our best we can on the resources we have got."

Ironically, on Monday, less than a week after McEwen began work, her cousin presided over the government's first parliamentary defeat since the election. "Most of my time is spent liaising between backbenchers, ministers and the chief whip," she says. "I don't believe it is nepotism, but I cannot deny our close family connection."

**I**nternational rescue  
OBSERVERS at the G7 summit believe they have an explanation for the low profile of James Baker this week. The American secretary of state, they believe, is about to resign to take up a new job — running his beleaguered president's election campaign.

Events in Yugoslavia and the prospect of a new Israeli government ending the deadlock in the Middle East mean this is not a propitious time for Baker to stand down, but in the light of Ross Perot's advance, Bush's need is great. Fuelling the rumour, Baker has booked a week-long fishing trip with



## HOLDING BACK FROM WAR

Never begin a war without clear aims. Thus does the Pentagon plead with American and other G7 leaders, some of whom are electing by sabre-rattling over Yugoslavia. As UN-sponsored relief planes pour into Sarajevo airport, so the pressure for outside military intervention mounts. It mounts from the besieged Bosnians. It mounts from humanitarians seeing people die in the streets of Sarajevo. It mounts from a media eager to dramatise any conflict to which its cameras are admitted. But if it is a demand for unlimited and unspecified involvement from which there is no clear exit, it must be denied.

Democratic leaders under election pressure tend to respond with vague promises of action. "Measures not excluding military means" would be taken if relief operations were impeded, said the G7 yesterday, though with Douglas Hurd registering strong reservations. An American fleet is steaming into the Adriatic. Britain has a warship on the way; France and Italy are offering troops. By such deployments, Serbia is being threatened with an implied ultimatum. But what if the Serbs refuse to comply? Thus the Balkans gradually draws the world once more into its peculiarly toxic mire.

There have been two archetypal incidents of American ground force intervention since Vietnam: Beirut and Kuwait. The first was characterised by emotion and publicity-seeking, by overambition followed by under-achievement. A lack of any objective beyond "being seen there" led to a humiliating withdrawal. Kuwait was the opposite. Not only did General Norman Schwarzkopf carry out a clear military objective but the Americans and their allies showed immaculate restraint in not pushing the campaign wider in the afterglow of victory. They sailed for home and thus avoided being sucked into the internal strife of a foreign land.

Bosnia is more like Beirut. It is a civil war with village against village, tribe against tribe, family against family. It is a war for territory, characterised by revenge and atrocity. Such wars are rarely settled by external

intervention, be it military or diplomatic. They are fought to the point of grim exhaustion, peace only returning after mass population movements and immense human suffering.

The desire to relieve such suffering is as universal and pressing as it is decent. The relief convoys into Sarajevo must be established and protected. Yet this requires military support only of the most limited sort and with the most restricted terms of engagement. Those who know the terrain say that air cover would be nearly useless. Even assuming bombers could distinguish "friendly" from other gun positions, civil war means constant movement and numerous changing fronts, with limitless opportunities for error.

The best that can be done is to continue relief to the distressed residents of Sarajevo as long as they can be reached. If this becomes too dangerous — and the denial of relief to trapped civilians could sooner or later make perfect tactical sense to one combatant or another — then it will have to stop. To persist in such circumstances could mean a long guerrilla war, with no end short of the defeat of Serbia's forces and the permanent policing of Bosnia's borders.

Yugoslavia is suffering exactly the sort of "post-imperial" civil war that the collapse of communism makes more likely. Such wars will now usually be fought in the glare of publicity, with pressure on "new world order" policemen, notably America and Europe, to intervene to stop them. This legacy of dictatorship will, with luck, prove no more than a bloody precursor to some new democratic order.

This order must be strengthened but that does not mean intervening whenever rival factions, possibly from incompatible peoples, are bent on violently resolving old and bitter differences. Where this is happening, the outside world must wait patiently and relieve suffering where it can. It must accept that there may be some quarrels that no outside force can solve.

## DEFENCE AGAINST FRAUD

A year after the Bank of Credit and Commerce International was shut down by the Bank of England because of widespread fraud and deception, the Bank has produced its own analysis of what went wrong. The retreating horse is now a speck on the horizon but at least the stable door has shut with a bang.

The Bank of England as a regulator faces a similar dilemma to that of a social worker. Take a child away from its parents unnecessarily and the social services are vilified for breaking up families. Leave it there to be battered and they are guilty of failing to heed the warning signals. The Bank of England is damned either way. When it first shut down BCCI, it was accused of acting too hastily; it should have waited, said its critics, to give the bank a chance of restructuring itself. Later the Treasury select committee, among others, accused it of stalling too long. Had it been swifter, depositors would have been defrauded of less of their money.

Yesterday's reply from the Bank of England tries to address the select committee's criticisms. It could not have acted earlier, it maintains, because it did not realise how widespread the fraud was. It believed that known problems were isolated incidents and that its duty to BCCI's depositors required an attempt to solve the bank's difficulties through new management, new shareholders and restructuring without recourse to closure. It claims — and there is no reason to disbelieve it — that regulatory action is often successfully taken without depositors knowing a thing.

Most people looking at BCCI's structure, management and domicile would have had a hunch that it was a suspect venture. That was the conclusion City professionals drew long before the Bank took action. Jointly registered in Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands, two of the most secretive host countries, BCCI looked as if it had something to hide. But under existing legislation,

the Bank of England cannot refuse or revoke a licence merely because it has an instinct that something is wrong. Furthermore, though the Bank does not say so, had it forced BCCI to close earlier it could well have been accused of racism by many Asian small businessmen in Britain who thought they had found a bank that understood them.

The Bank's answer to its critics is that it needs more discretion. It should be allowed to withhold a licence for an overseas bank branch until it is satisfied that the bank is properly regulated by another country. The burden of proof would be on the host regulator to show that the bank was sound and honestly run.

This ties in with the banking supervision code approved by the Basic Committee of central bankers on Monday. Under this code, every bank must have a single, central regulator. BCCI deceived the world for years because no one central bank had specific regulatory control of it. A central bank would also be able to impose "restrictive measures" on the branch of an overseas bank if it was unhappy about the supervision of the parent.

This must be sensible, even if it will hurt the economies of some offshore banking centres. Since much of the inflow of funds to these centres comes from drugs, arms and corruption, Western countries should not feel too guilty.

But even the Basle Committee admits that there is no ironclad protection against fraud or deceit. The Bank of England and the auditors of BCCI were deceived by talented people. Tougher regulation will eventually be matched by more sophisticated fraud. Regulators may feel bad about acting on a hunch, but depositors are quite entitled to do so. If they hear even a hint of a rumour that a bank is unsound they should move their money elsewhere. Switching accounts is easier than trying to salvage money from a busted bank. Prudence is the duty of the depositor as well as the regulator.

## SAD BIRDS OF YOUTH

The report by the British Youth Council published yesterday paints a black picture of what it can be like to be young in the 1990s. Statistics collated by this umbrella body of organisations for young people aged between 16 and 25 show that an increasing number of its constituents are poor, homeless, jobless, uneducated and without training. West Indians fare worst, but no group fares well.

Someone under 25 calls the Samaritans every four minutes. Unemployment among those under 25 has risen by more than a quarter of a million in the past year, and is now running at 16 per cent compared with the national average of 9 per cent. Only a third of those between 16 and 18 in the United Kingdom are engaged in full-time education or training. This is exactly half the average figure in the other 12 countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Every year, 156,000 young people between 16 and 19 have no home to go to, and a quarter of these are escapers (refugees) from care.

Statistics, however official, are only a rough measure. Conditions such as poverty and lack of education can be defined only crudely. But the report suggests that for a rising proportion of Britain's young people, youth is proving an awful experience. Far from being the happiest days of their lives as proposed by adult propaganda down the centuries, the salad years for many today are said by this report to be maggoty with frustration, homelessness and boredom. Anguish in youth there has always been, otherwise called the pain of growing up. But the story told by yesterday's report suggests a

more serious malaise. The report is a warning sign for Britain's future.

The most important work that any generation has to do is to prepare the way for its successors. Britain is notorious for locking up a higher proportion of its criminals than any other civilised nation: 30,000 young people under 21 are shut away in prisons and other institutions. This is the revolving-door syndrome — no home, no job, no money, hence crime, increasing isolation from society, imprisonment hence no home on release, and back again to prison.

John Major, who is a shining example of overcoming the disadvantages of a truncated education, said recently: "In the past too many 16-year-olds have been made to feel that further education or training is not for them. As a result, we have too many young people without the skills or motivation to get off to a good start in their working life." This is not in the past. It is still the case, and getting worse. In the past ten years, the number of apprenticeships in manufacturing industry has fallen by two-thirds.

It has been a chronic delusion of the middle-aged, since Stone-Age man disapproved of his rebellious sons, that standards are slipping, and that the young are not a patch on the previous generation. And there are always going to be some young too feckless and too stupid to take the opportunities offered. But this report shows just how far Britain has still to go before society offers all in young people the help they need in their passage to adult life. This is a society storing up problems for the future.

## Subsidiarity: divining the true sense of Maastricht

From Mr A. C. Geddes

Sir, The principle of subsidiarity, as drafted by the Community, is not the rock on which to build the new Europe. It requires clarification in at least one important respect.

Even assuming that the European Court would be prepared to override the views of the member states which had adopted a measure on the basis that its objective could better be achieved by Community rather than national action, it might still not be clear whether or not the measure was in breach of the subsidiarity principle, and therefore illegal.

The principle will be contained in article 3(6) of the EC treaty when amended by the Maastricht treaty. The relevant part of that article, as Lord Bruce of Donington (letter, June 23) pointed out, provides that: "... the Community shall take action, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, only if and in so far as the objectives of the proposed action cannot be sufficiently achieved by the member states and can therefore, by reason of the scale or effects of the proposed action, be better achieved by the Community."

In any challenge to the legality of a Community act on the grounds of its being in breach of that principle the European Court (not the national court) would presumably have to ask itself two questions: "Can the objectives of this measure be sufficiently achieved by the member states?" and "Can those objectives be better achieved by the Community?" The trouble is that the answer to both questions might well be "Yes".

One example will illustrate the point. The Wild Birds Directive was adopted by the Community in 1979 for the purpose of providing a general system of protection for all species of wild birds found in Europe. Clearly the objectives of that directive could have been sufficiently achieved by each of the member states passing independent legislation to the same effect; but arguably its objectives were better achieved by Community action which was certain in its impact throughout the Community and uniform in its application.

Yours sincerely,  
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From Sir Anthony Meyer  
Sir, Matthew Parris (Political sketch, June 30) seemed scornful of those Conservative MPs who are so eager to disclaim their previous loyalty to

### The fear of crime

From Ms Anne Morrison

Sir, Your leading article (July 3) says that the fear of crime is "fuelled by irresponsible *Crimewatch* programmes". It is not at all clear whether you refer to all crime appeal programmes without recognising their very different styles.

As far as *Crimewatch UK* is concerned the BBC takes its responsibilities very seriously indeed. We endeavour to ensure that our reconstructions do not sensationalise crime and that they concentrate specifically on clues which may jog someone's memory. The effectiveness of this policy may be judged from the 184 convictions and 320 arrests which have so far been attained as a direct result of the programme.

We also go to pains to set the crimes we show within context, stressing their rarity and making many of the points you yourself make in the editorial — e.g., how statistics apparently showing a rising crime rate can be misleading because of the discrepancy between actual and reported crime.

Crime exists and people suffer as a result of it. What the media should not do is exploit people's natural fears, or mislead them into feelings of insecurity out of all proportion to the real risks.

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From the Director, Community Action Trust

Sir, The merits of the quarterly (now six-monthly) crime statistics are indeed open to question, but to imply as your leader does that they are responsible for increased opportunities for the criminal is stretching credibility.

There is, as far as I am aware, no evidence which says that the fear of crime is heightened by such figures. Indeed the debate in recent years has been significant for the lack of proper research to support your claim that the "perception of crime" Britain is higher than in most other countries".

The reduction of unnecessary fear of crime is an essential aim for every organisation involved in the crime-fighting business. It is equally important, though, that awareness of the threat is well known: if no one is afraid of losing his car, no car will ever be left locked.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Disruption along the autoroutes

From Mr Ronald Forrest

Sir,

The disruption to transport

being caused by French lorry drivers

should be the occasion for the European Community to assert itself. The roads of France are used by people from all over Europe, especially during the holiday months.

This is, par excellence, a Commu-

nity matter. What is the point of opening up frontiers if it is in fact impossible to move freely within a country?

The passing of a European law

dealing with a matter of this kind,

instead of with the flavour of potato

crisps, would be a step in the direction of creating some respect for the idea of Community law.

Yours faithfully,

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July 3.

working hours of employees and set our own VAT rates. We have signed an airline deregulation agreement which is a sham.

Margaret Thatcher, in and out of office, is a conviction politician who pays more heed to her passionately held beliefs than to practical necessities, and she deserves respect for that. It would be good if she would show as much respect for those who hold equally passionately to an opposite view of European integration.

But as an ex-prime minister she must be better aware than most of the consequences which would follow if the chances were of a referendum, which might well be swayed by some last-minute incident such as a clash between fishing boats, should compel the British government, headed by the man she chose as her successor, to break its word to its European Community partners.

I am etc.

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July 3.

From Sir Kenneth Lewis

Sir, Lady Thatcher, in her first House of Lords speech (report, July 3), called for a referendum, to make sure of getting the views of the people on Maastricht. But it was Lady Thatcher's undoing as prime minister that she refused to accept the obvious views of the people on the poll tax, proven by opinion polls, by the mail of MPs, by election results, by newspaper, radio and television interviews, and even by the views of some members of the House of Commons.

No referendum was necessary, no referendum offered. Parliament would decide, and Parliament did decide on the poll tax, to the cost of the then prime minister.

On Maastricht, although the present prime minister has refused a referendum, the good sense of the people who may wish for changes will nevertheless have to prevail.

Yours faithfully,

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July 3.

From Mr Robin Hargreaves

Sir, A perfectly good English word encompasses all that is meant by the Eurospeak "subsidiarity". It is defined by my pocket edition of the *OED* as meaning "of a covenant of states, united, but independent in internal affairs".

The word is "federal".

Yours faithfully,

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July 6.

From Mr Robin Ward

Sir, France has introduced a new traffic law, using a points system against offending drivers. It is this law that has led to lorry drivers blocking the autoroutes. What they object to, however, is not so much the system as such but the fact that it applies to the professionals who may drive several thousand kilometres a month, in exactly the same way as to somebody whose only sorte is a couple of kilometres every Sunday to Mass.

I approve of the observance of law and dislike violence. I am sorry for the stranded British tourists. I regret that my dogs have no meat (the rest of us are vegetarian) and that half my household is detained in Lyons without petrol. But I am wholeheartedly on the side of the lorry drivers, whose livelihood is at risk.

Yours truly,

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July 6.

From Mr A. B. Thomson

Sir, I salute the French lorry drivers' honesty. They have drawn the attention of the world to their assertion that they consider themselves incapable of driving to the standard of safety demanded by modern society.

Yours sincerely,



## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
July 8: Mr Andrew Burns was received in audience by The Queen and Kissed Hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Tel Aviv.

Mrs Burns was also received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Mr Vincas Balickas was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Lithuania to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Dr Antanas Nevas (Counsellor).

Mrs Balickas was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gilmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present, and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen received the Bishop of Bristol (in Right Reverend David Studd) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department), and did Homage upon his appointment.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department administered the Oath.

The Right Reverend John Waine (Clerk of the Close to The Queen) and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mrs Streams, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Kharoum, was received by The Queen.

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The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, today visited Hampton Court Palace to re-open The King's Apartments.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Lord Master of the Royal Parks, the Rt Hon David Mellor, MP (Secretary of State for National Heritage), Mr Crawford Macdonald (Director, Hampton Court Palace) and Dr Simon Thurley (Curator, Historic Royal Palaces) and toured the restored King's Apartments.

The Queen subsequently visited the Hampton Court Palace International Flower Show and was received by Mr Neville Labovitch (Chairman, The Queen's Anniversary Committee, Hampton Court Palace, and The Prince of Wales's Royal Parks Tree Appeal), Sir Bob Reid (Chairman, British Rail) and Mr Adrian Boyd (Chief Executive, Hampton Court Palace International Flower Show).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the Flower Show and later attended an Entertainment in Fountain Court.

The Duchess of Grafton, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Sir Geoffrey de Bellalieu, Mr Christopher Lloyd, Mr Hugh Roberts, and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh presented The Prince Philip Prize for the Designer of the Year at Buckingham Palace this morning.

His Royal Highness, President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, later presented the 1992 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Bronze Medals at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Viscount and Honorary Fellow, Royal College of Art, opened the Stevens Building, Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7.

Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN and Wing Commander Christopher Moran, RAF were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this

evening attended the Anglo-Venezuelan Day Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Chairman, this evening held a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Jamie and Jessie Seaton-Groete Farmhouse, Llanfynydd, Carmarthen and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dyfed (Mr David Mansell-Lewis).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the Children's Care Centre at Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gwent (Mr Richard Hanbury-Tenison).

The Princess Royal, Chief Commander, Women's Royal Naval Service, this afternoon visited HMS Collingwood's Resource and Initiative Training Centre, Talyllyn-on-Usk, Brecon, Wales.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

**CLARENCE HOUSE**

July 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Festival Service for the Friends of St Paul's which was held in St Paul's Cathedral.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**

July 8: The Prince of Wales this morning unveiled the new railings in front of Lowther Lodge, the Headquarters of the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7.

Mr Peter Westmacott was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, attended Business in the Community's Tenth Anniversary Conference at St George's in the East, Cannon Street Road, Tower Hamlets, London E1.

Mr Hugh Merrill was in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**

July 8: The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this evening took the Salute at a Performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London SW5.

The Lady Camoys and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

**YORK HOUSE**

July 8: The Duke of Kent today presented a new Standard to 360 Squadron at Royal Air Force Wyton, Huntingdonshire.

Captain the Honourable Tom Cole was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Beechcroft Lodge, Forest of Dean, Cinderford, Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes). Her Royal Highness last opened the Police Headquarters in Cheltenham.

The Duchess, Patron of the National Star Centre, this afternoon visited the Centre for Disabled Youth, Ullenwood, Gloucestershire.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

**THATCHED HOUSE LODGE**

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The Lady Munford was in attendance.

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# Riot police clear French roads of lorry blockades

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

**RIOT** police cleared barricades manned by diehard lorry drivers yesterday as traffic began flowing normally on the main highways for the first time in 10 days.

But television film of the methods used by the CRS to end the hauliers' spontaneous insurrection, particularly in Lyons, clearly generated sympathy for the drivers. MPs denounced "brutality" by gendarmerie and CRS.

Departing lorry drivers voiced their bitterness last night across the highways of France. "We got precisely nothing out of this," said one of the burly blockade leaders at Fontainebleau, south of Paris. "It's a great country, France."

Some 5 million cars are expected to take to the roads over the next two days when

delayed holidaymakers are joined by a rush from the cities as the school year ends and the long July 14 weekend starts.

The interior ministry said more than 200 roadblocks had been lifted following a night of police raids and a call to end the action by truckers' employers who had concluded agreements with the government. In the last main action, units of riot police, backed by light armoured vehicles, modified AMX-30 army tanks and helicopters hit several key roadblocks on the main highway from the Belgian border south to Marseilles.

Their action opened the main north-south axis to the Mediterranean — the A2, A1 and A6 tollways via Lille, Paris and Lyons — for the first time since the protests began on June 29. In Phalsbourg, south of Lille, baton-wielding police shattered lorry windows and sprayed drivers with tear gas before leading them away in handcuffs and confiscating their licences.

While Paul Quiles, the interior minister, congratulated the police on their "sang froid", television film and eyewitness accounts testified to some police excess. In Lyons, for example, helmeted and armed CRS squads were reported to have pursued drivers into cafes in the city centre and beaten customers to the ground.

The authorities have also pressed manslaughter and assault charges against lorry drivers involved in the deaths of three drivers who ran into blocking vehicles over the weekend and in attacks on German tourists.

With the drivers back in their cabs, the spotlight switched back to the disgruntled peasant farmers. Yesterday several hundred occupied the prefecture and council offices in the Eastern Pyrenees department while others carried out disruptive operations against around the southwest.

At press conference later, Mrs Bottomley made clear that the initiative would have to be funded from existing resources.

## Bottomley sets health targets

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Bottomley said the government was committed to maintaining the price of cigarettes in real terms and to the voluntary agreement on advertising with the industry. She pointed out that Britain had had the sharpest reduction in the number of people smoking than any other country except Holland, which also had a voluntary agreement on tobacco advertising.

Geoffrey Dickens, the portly Tory MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth lightened the earnest mood in the Commons by suggesting that the government was being a bit of a killjoy. "The last thing we wish to do is to frighten the nation to death. It's perfectly possible to enjoy a good lunch and a glass of wine and still live to a ripe old age!"

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Tomorrow: Last-minute France travel guide



Moving House: Julian Amery, the veteran Conservative MP who retired in April, yesterday joined the latest influx of former ministers taking their seats in the Lords. The former foreign minister's first ministerial post was in 1957, as war undersecretary in the government of Harold Macmillan, his father-in-law (Arthur Leathley writes). He was sponsored yesterday by Lord Mowbray and Stourton (left) and Lord Wyatt of Weeford (right). Taking his seat as Lord Amery of Lustleigh, he also acknowledged in his

title the towns of Preston and Brighton, the two constituencies he represented for 29 years. Lord Amery, 73, was MP for Preston North from 1950-66 and held Brighton Pavilion from 1969 until he retired from the Commons at the last election. Dr David Owen, the former SDP leader and former Labour foreign secretary, also took his Lords seat as Baron Owen of the City of Plymouth. Baron Owen did not take a seat with opposition peers and will sit among independent peers on the crossbenches.

## G7 agrees to give aid to Russia

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on the march along the road to join the world community."

Urging the West to maintain financial and technical aid, Mr Yeltsin warned that the Russian people were paying "a very, very high price for this transition from communism and totalitarianism to the civilised world". If the reform programme collapsed the repercussions would be felt throughout the world community.

The Russian president was told that Russia would be treated no differently from any other country. He was clearly pleased that the G7 leaders had shown what he called a "benevolent attitude" towards rescheduling the debts of the former Soviet Union, which he totalled at \$70.7 billion (£37 billion).

At a press conference earlier, President Bush had said that there was not money enough in the world "to instantly solve the problem of the Russian economy".

Mr Yeltsin said that the \$24 billion being offered through the IMF was insufficient to solve his country's problems and see through the reform package. He appealed to private investors to show courage and to invest now a deal had been signed with the IMF. Mr Yeltsin said that with IMF backing "the floodgates are open wide. It is a unique market. There is no such market anywhere in the world." He sought to reassure the outside world of the stability of his government.

Earlier, the summit agreed to a final declaration committing the Seven to strengthening world economic growth. But they failed to make any breakthrough towards settlement of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks.

Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, said last night that the US and the European Community would have to resolve their differences on agricultural subsidies before progress could be made on the Uruguay round of the Gatt. Frans Andriessen, the EC vice-president, said that there was no firm date for resuming negotiations.

John Major promised that he would continue to bully and badger, cajole and encourage the negotiators to get together.

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## Political sketch

### Toffs' pay tugs at the conscience

As MPs awaited confirmation that the government will not honour its latest recommendations for top people's pay, junior industry minister Tim Eggar stood to answer questions yesterday. His manner, well-briefed, confident and punchy as ever, gave no hint that this might be his last afternoon as a minister. Let me remind you who he is:

Way back in July 1985, Mrs Thatcher's cabinet faced a similar dilemma to that confronting ministers now. The top salaries review commission had recommended huge increases for judges, civil service chiefs and others.

It could not have come at a worse moment.

The government was trying to hold down teachers and junior civil servants to less than a quarter of what was now proposed for the toffs, causing huge infighting and Tory MPs were getting the brunt of it in their constituencies.

Every teacher, it seemed, from every village primary school in England, had written to their MP. Local Conservative associations were begging their Member to press for a more generous approach; yet, at some personal cost, Tories had been defending the prime minister's hard line.

And then, like a bolt from the blue, came this!

To the horror of the loyal Tory infantry, the Cabinet decided to honour the recommendation. The government back benches were furious. Whips were manning in the tea rooms and dared walk only in pairs in the corridors. The chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 committee had his ear chewed off.

News of the anger reached even the prime minister. A rebellion was brewing. Labour, sensing the Tory unease, called for a debate. The whips began a major damage-limitation exercise.

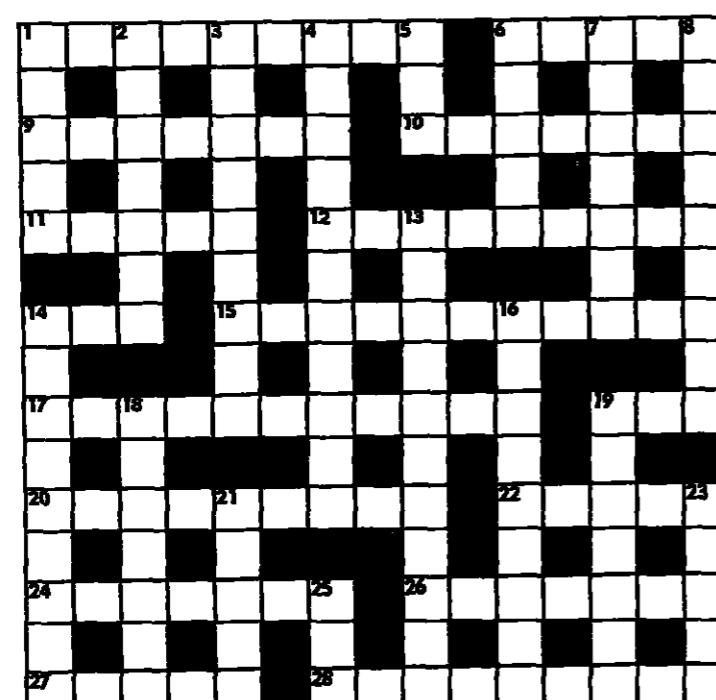
Quite a few Tories decided to vote against the government. A few more decided to abstain. Most, however, were prepared to support the PM in the lobbies, but grudgingly: what they would not do was speak in the debate in favour of this award.

Mrs Thatcher agreed. But today, I hear, Mr Eggar's new boss is to change all that.

Ah well, 1985-92 was a good run. Being a minister was fun while it lasted!

MATTHEW PARRIS

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,966



Solution to Puzzle No 18,965

ACROSS  
1 GOODWILL EFFLUVIA  
2 A O L S O E I V E  
3 MAYFLOWER DROVE  
4 E E G O B G L  
5 CANDOUR ICEBERG  
6 O N T D O N E  
7 CREST SIDENOTE  
8 K E E W E R P  
9 PLANTAIN UPPERS  
10 G O F F A R M E N T  
11 O R B I T A L R A M E N T  
12 L E O G O U S E  
13 F E L O N W E I G H T I N G E  
14 E I U E T E S E  
15 DIASPIRA ADHERE

Clue: Use a PS/2 for brainy Dad (2,4).

ANSWER: PS/2 SWIFT

IBM

Today's pollen count forecast is  
**Moderate SELDANE**.  
A major advance in hayfever treatment.

Concise Crossword, page 19  
Life & Times section

ANSWER: PS/2 SWIFT

## WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry with bright or sunny spells, and with showers mostly in the west. Later today, cloud and rain will spread into western Scotland and Northern Ireland. Elsewhere, a band of cloud and rain, perhaps heavy at times, will spread south to affect most places. Temperatures will be around normal, but will feel cooler in any heavier rain. Outlook for Friday and Saturday: unsettled, with further showers or rain.

### AA ROADWATCH

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2 M-ways/roads M25  
3 M-ways/roads M25-M4  
4 M-ways/roads M25-M4  
5 M25 London Orbital only

National  
National motorways

West Country

Wales

Midlands

East Anglia

North-east England

Scotland

Northern Ireland

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### ASIAN

MIDDAY: + thunder; d: drizzle; lg: fog; m: sun; s: sheet; sn: snow; f: frost; c: cloud; r: rain;

C F 73 8 1 Luxor  
Astromi 31 88 8 Madrid  
Almeria 29 88 8 Malaga  
Algiers 21 70 8 Malta  
Bangkok 33 91 1 Montreal  
Barbados 19 84 5 Moscow  
Barcelona 19 84 5 Nairobi  
Beijing 20 84 5 Naples  
Berlin 20 77 5 New York  
Berna 20 77 5 Oslo  
Blarritz 19 66 5 Oslo  
Borde's 23 73 1 Paris  
Brussels 22 72 1 Peking  
Budapest 21 72 1 Prague  
Buenos Aires 23 72 1 Rio de Janeiro  
Cairo 36 97 5 Tokyo  
Calcutta 19 84 5 Tunis  
Cape Town 27 87 5 Vienna  
Caracas 20 84 5 Warsaw  
Chengdu 19 84 5 Zurich  
Copenhagen 24 75 5

CHICAGO 19 84 5

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**SPORT**  
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Call for new law in wake of BCCI

## Bank demands more power to fight fraud

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

**TODAY IN BUSINESS**  
**ALL CHANGE**

Ian Hay Davison, a former chief executive of Lloyd's of London, says the time has come to end self-regulation in the troubled insurance market Page 25

**STRICT DIET**

Budgens, the food retailer, is back in the black but says it will not restore dividends until trading margins improve Page 22

**FOUL PLAY?**

**Dixons**

Dixons has accused electricity companies of unfair competition and irresponsible use of shareholders' money Page 23

**BRIGHT LIGHT**

Eastern Electricity lifted profits to £143.1 million before tax last year and is raising the dividend Tempus page 24

**IN THE SHADE**

**THE POUND**

A disciplinary case will severely test the accountants' "sunshine policy". Robert Bruce says Page 28

**STOCK MARKET**

US dollar 1.9237 (+0.0002)  
German mark 2.8734 (-0.0128)  
Exchange index 92.8 (-0.2)  
Bank of England official close (4pm)

**INTEREST RATES**

FT 30 share 1891.1 (-15.1)  
FT SE 100 2472.6 (-21.1)  
New York Dow Jones 3288.14 (-7.03)  
Tokyo Nikkei Avge 16800.26 (+140.71)

**CURRENCIES**

London: £1.9218 \$1.9193  
DM2.8722 DM1.4559  
SF 2.8559 SF 1.5471  
Yen20.65 Yen124.80  
Index 92.8 Index 60.4  
ECU 50 712882 SDR 0.750244  
ECD 403150 SDR 3.32898  
London Forex market close

**GOLD**

London Fixing: AM 5347.70 PM 5347.50  
Close 5347.20-5347.60  
E160.60-161.10  
New York Comex \$ 347.05-347.55\*

**NORTH SEA OIL**

Brent (Jub) \$19.95/bbl (\$19.80)

**RETAIL PRICES**

RPI: 139.3 May (1987=100)

\* Denotes midday trading price

THE Bank of England is demanding sweeping regulatory powers to allow it to act against banks that it suspects are using complex corporate structures to conceal their true nature. The call comes in the Bank's reply to the Treasury and civil service select committee's report on the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. It says: "The Bank strongly favours a new explicit power to refuse or revoke authorisation on the sole ground that an applicant or authorised bank cannot be effectively supervised."

The Bank's request is believed to have received a warm response from the Treasury, which is likely to try to incorporate the new law into the government's legislative programme. Under current bank-

ing laws, the Bank of England can only take action against an institution if it has proof that its capital, liquidity or management is inadequate.

The new law would allow the Bank to restrict or even close the British operations of banks that it believes are not being supervised properly.

The select committee's report, published last March, criticised the Bank for not taking "adequate and speedy" action against BCCI. In its reply, the Bank rejects the criticism but accepts it should have wider regulatory powers.

The Bank dismisses the committee's suggestion that all foreign banks should incorporate their overseas branches as economically damaging. The Bank also repeats its belief that it should close banks only in extreme circumstances. "Public bodies charged with administering a statute must be able to justify their actions before removing someone's livelihood or closing an institution," it says.

The call for new powers is part of a worldwide drive to tighten up financial regulation in the wake of the \$10 billion fraud at BCCI. On Monday, the Bank's committee on banking supervision published its minimum standards proposal on international banking supervision. This states that all banks must have a capable lead regulator, and that other regulators may take

action against overseas branches of banks that they believe are not being supervised properly.

The Bank has softened its stand on the role of bank auditors, and called for a debate on whether accountants should have a duty to report financial irregularities in line with the MPS recommendation. At present, auditors only have a right to break client confidentiality and discuss problems with the Bank of England.

Previously, the Bank has been keen to leave the role of auditors unchanged. Now, it says: "The case for a duty to report does need to be debated again. The case for a duty rather than a right would be to put the position of auditors beyond doubt." Any change could also be included in a new banking act. The Bank, however, is still concerned that the change could prevent auditors gaining access to information.

The Bank has also promised to strengthen its links with the police, customs and excise and the national drugs investigation unit and may try to form a co-ordinating committee to help in the fight against fraud.

Mr Brady, speaking at the Group of Seven summit in Munich, said on Tuesday that Washington was unworried by the dollar's latest decline, suggesting that there would be no central bank intervention to halt its slide. But, after the currency dropped to a low of DM 1.4760 yesterday, he said America was "not seeking to depreciate the dollar".

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Technical analysts believe the dollar and sterling rally will be short-lived. Since the pound has shed about two thirds of the 11-pfennig advance it made between April 3 and May 8, they believe it could retreat all the way back to DM 2.8360.

With America facing political and economic uncertainty, and G7 leaders committed only to creating scope for lower interest rates, the dollar is expected to decline further.

Some currency dealers are already talking in terms of it reaching its all-time low of DM 1.4425, set in February last year. Currency dealers

were disappointed by G7's failure to produce positive guidance on exchange rates, especially for the yen. The Japanese currency weakened slightly against the dollar to 124.65.

The pound's continued weakness and a 44-point overnight fall in the Dow Jones industrial average resulted in most of Tuesday's gains on the London stock market being wiped out.

In London, the FT-SE 100 index was down almost 40 points at one stage. But a steeper trend in resumed dealings in New York and the appearance of a few bargain-hunters in London, as the index hovered just above 2,450, resulted in earlier losses being halved. The index finished 21.1 lower at 2,472.6, with fewer than 400 million shares changing hands.

Brokers said fund managers were continuing to give the equity market a wide berth. Turnover levels have fallen sharply, with investors in no rush to part with their money. The fall in turnover levels is worrying securities houses and has revived fears of further City job losses if the slump continues.

Bond prices also closed with losses of 1%: the market was worried by the foreign exchange fluctuations. Once again, however, prices closed above their worst, with traders reporting the appearance of buyers at the lower levels.

During her six-month presidency of the European Social Affairs Council, Mrs Shephard hopes to put a brake on the flow of social directives from Brussels.

Too many countries regarded their ability to generate new directives as a measure of a successful presidency, she said, but dragged their feet over implementation. Britain,

are able to effectively monitor, or make the most of, these investments.

The survey suggests that 18 per cent of British companies with sales exceeding £250 million acquired a European subsidiary last year. Among this group, a quarter bought a business in Britain, 16 per cent made an acquisition in America and one in 20 bought a business in Asia or the Pacific rim countries.

In addition, 13 per cent of larger companies entered into a joint venture in Europe, and 9 per cent set up a jointly-owned business in the Pacific region.

With Britain's economy remaining weak, many companies questioned by Korn/Ferry expect to continue reducing employment levels in Britain, while looking for rising revenues from overseas.

The diminishing role of revenues



"Creation, not regulation": Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary

## Shephard says EC cash must go on training not subsidies

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

CASH from the European Community's social fund should be used to provide training for the unemployed, rather than "propping up declining industries," Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, said.

She hopes to exploit Britain's presidency of the European Community to shift the emphasis of the social programme from workplace regulation to helping Europe's 15 million jobless.

"The social action programme focuses on those in work," Mrs Shephard said. But excessive controls would threaten Europe's economic competitiveness. The emphasis of European initiatives, she said, should be on "job creation, rather than job retention."

The focus of leadership which Mrs Shephard will offer the social affairs council will clearly follow her personal concern to improve training and other programmes targeted at young people and the long-term jobless.

Mrs Shephard said that half of Europe's jobless had not worked for more than a year. Community partners should

seek to exchange experiences in tackling unemployment, and use social fund money to finance unemployment initiatives "across the Community."

But it is unclear to what extent cash from the social fund can be redirected as she desires. Mrs Shephard attacked the use of the fund in "propping up uncompetitive industries" such as coal and steel in northern France.

But the £400 million that was allocated by the fund to Britain this year, £270 million is already provided specifically to combat long-term unemployment, or to help those under the age of 25 find work.

A further £16 million is provided to help fund training and job creation measures to assist the regeneration of designated areas affected by declining industries.

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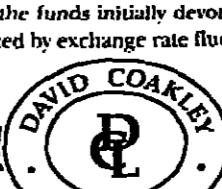
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## Budgens returns to profit

By COLIN CAMPBELL

**BUDGENS**, the food retailer in which Sir Ron Brierley recently increased his stake from 23.1 per cent to almost 26 per cent, has moved back into profit, it says, however, that it is too early to resume dividend payments.

Pre-tax profits in the year to April 26 were £4.64 million on a £290.7 million turnover. Last time, the company made pre-tax losses of £14.7 million on sales of £272.3 million.

John von Spreckelsen, chief executive, says Budgens intends to resume dividend payments this year, but first needs to achieve acceptable levels of profitability. The group last paid dividends in 1990.

The trading margin to sales ratio improved from 1.09 per cent to 2.24 per cent last year. A level of 5 per cent would be viewed as "acceptable".

At the trading level, profits advanced from £2.96 million to £6.51 million and Mr von Spreckelsen said better buying disciplines had resulted in a modest improvement in gross margins.

The company, which operates out of a network of almost 100 stores and was a pioneer of Sunday trading, continues to enjoy tax losses. In the 1992 financial year, it was repaid £199,000 in cash by the Inland Revenue.

An improved balance sheet shows gearing is down from

142 per cent to 22 per cent; this was helped by a placing of shares last September that raised £22 million.

Interest costs were cut from £4.85 million (of which £202,000 was capitalised) to £2.54 million.

Three directors left the group during the year; details of compensation paid will be shown in this year's annual report.

Mr von Spreckelsen said cash flow was sufficiently strong for Budgens to be able to offer to settle its suppliers' bills faster in return for price reductions.

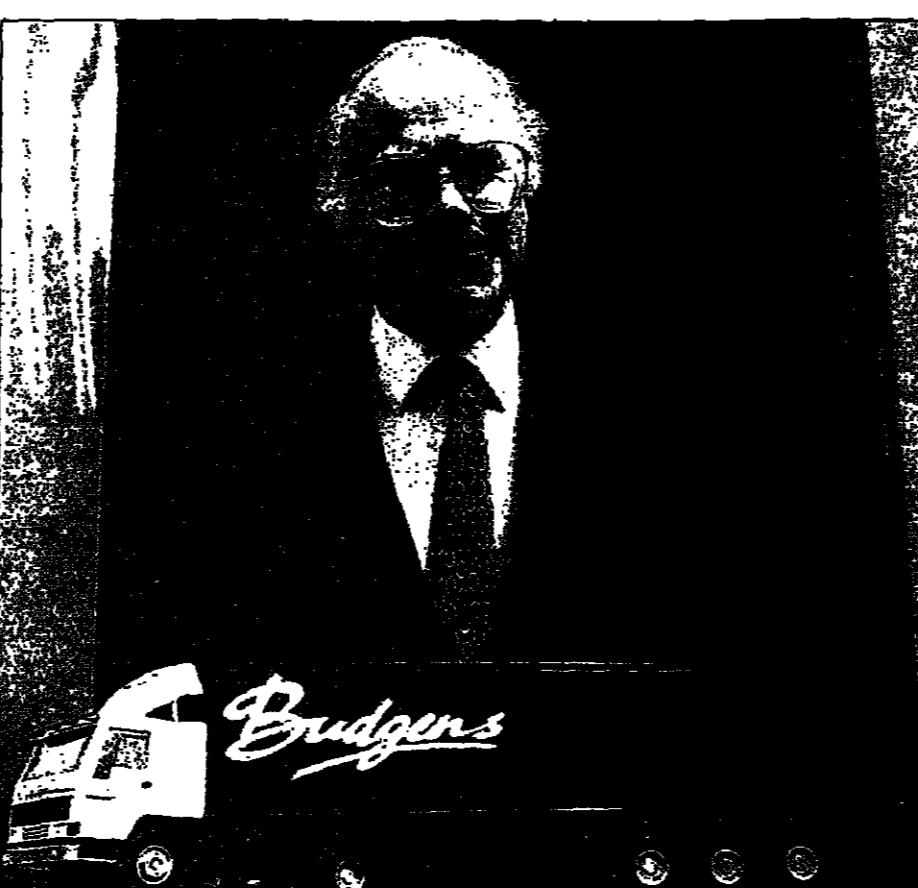
"While the results clearly demonstrate a very great improvement," he said, "it should be remembered that the last financial year was a time of recovery and consolidation. It would be inappropriate to pay a dividend until we are able to report further improvements in our profitability."

The group has completed the first year of a three-year recovery plan and adds that a store improvement programme being implemented is designed to bring real sales growth in its existing network of outlets. In time, a new store opening programme will be implemented.

In Strasbourg yesterday, Sir Leon said that he was anxious not to sour his relationship with the new Italian government and Giuliano Amato.

The shares held steady at 41p yesterday.

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Careful driving: John von Spreckelsen says it would be premature to pay a dividend

## EC enquiry on Italian steel firm's aid

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SIR LEON BRITTON yesterday said the European Commission will investigate a £300 million injection from the Italian government into Ilva, the ailing Tuscany steel maker, despite heavy lobbying from Rome.

In Strasbourg yesterday, Sir Leon said that he was anxious not to sour his relationship with the new Italian government and Giuliano Amato.

The prime minister, and blamed most of his misgivings over Ilva on the previous administration of Giulio Andreotti.

But Italian sources said the new government shares its predecessor's concerns over Ilva, and argues that the cash injection is for restructuring, and should not be classified as aid.

Sir Leon's enquiry will cause an outcry in Italy, and could damage the commission's image at a sensitive time.

But Sir Leon said he had no choice but to look at the money after plans to float £452 million of Ilva shares failed on the Milan stock exchange, after another annual loss. In Italy companies have to record three consecutive years of profit before a flotation can take place.

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## Standard sacks five Indian bankers

FROM REUTER  
IN DELHI

**STANDARD Chartered Bank** has sacked five more staff members and demoted others for their alleged involvement in "irregular activities" in India's securities market, the bank said in a statement.

The bank has already provided 10 billion rupees (£1.82 million) to its Indian operations to cover possible losses from Bombay's billion-dollar stocks and securities scandal.

Meanwhile, India is to set up a supervisory board to issue and enforce operating guidelines for banks in the country in response to the £520 million financial scandal that has prompted an investigation into four foreign banks, including Standard Chartered.

Manmohan Singh, the finance minister, issuing a statement in parliament on the affair in which funds were diverted from securities transactions into the then booming Bombay Stock Exchange, said the board will be headed by the chairman of the Reserve Bank of India, the central bank, with a further three or four members. It will be assisted by an advisory council with eminent people from banking, auditing, law, economics and management.

The government is also considering setting up a special bureau to deal with fraud in banks and other financial institutions. Mr Singh said investigations into the scandal had revealed that transactions worth 31.92 billion rupees were conducted on the basis of fraudulent or uncovered bank receipts. This was out of total transactions of more than 9,000 billion rupees in the period investigated, between April 1991 and May 1992.

"It is clear that there has been a serious failure of internal control systems in the banks concerned," Singh said.

"But for this, the senior management of the banks would have become aware of these irregular transactions at much earlier stages. This failure seems to have occurred in all three segments of our banking sector, nationalised banks, private banks and foreign banks," he said.

Assets worth 725 million rupees had been seized and shares worth 5 billion rupees and property worth 250 million rupees were likely to be seized. "The Indian banking system has substantial strengths and achievements to its credit," he added.

## US shareholders to have more say on executive pay

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON  
IN NEW YORK

LEADING American corporations and the multibillion dollar institutional shareholders are set to do battle this summer over the biggest shake-up of shareholder rights in almost 60 years.

Key to the fight is the increased power shareholders are to get over executive pay and performance, now among the most controversial of boardroom issues and central to new reforms proposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The level of pay packages for the most senior executives has more than trebled over the past six years and sparked acrimonious battles as executives' pay appeared to be exploding at a time when the recession caused job layoffs and poor profits.

In 1986, Lee Iacocca, the Chrysler chairman, was the highest-paid American executive at £11.4 million. Last year, Tony O'Reilly, the Heinz boss, held the title with £41.6 million.

For the past two years major corporations have fought a rearguard action to scupper reforms that would lay out boardroom pay in simple language. Shareholders have attacked chief executives whose pay packages have risen dramatically while the performance of their corporations have not.

The fresh SEC proposals would give shareholders a much greater say in how companies are run, who runs them and how much those at the top are paid.

They will also force companies to spell out details of executive pay in easy-to-read charts.

Similar reforms from the SEC last year were dropped after it received 900 letters of comment. But it plans to vote on the latest proposals in the autumn after seeking public comments this summer.

Richard Breeden, SEC chairman, said: "We intend to

## Greene King forbidden to announce figures

**GREENE KING**, the East Anglia brewer in the throes of a £101 million hostile takeover bid for the smaller Morland & Co, has been refused leave by the City's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers to announce its full-year figures today. Tomorrow is the offer's next closing date. The offer, in convertible shares, is final and will not be raised unless a higher one emerges.

Under panel rules, a company making an offer is not allowed to release trading results and a property revaluation, as planned by Greene King, during the period of a bid. Simon Redman, Greene King chairman, said he was "extremely disappointed" by the ruling. At the last closing date, Greene King said it controlled 46.43 per cent of its quarry. The company has, however, repeated an earlier statement that current trading is "most satisfactory", given difficult market conditions.

## Volex acquires in US

**VOLEX**, an electrical group, is buying Icontec, a manufacturer of data communication cable assemblies that is based in California, for a maximum of £4.1 million. An initial £2.8 million is being paid and a further maximum consideration of £1.3 million will be linked to profits for the six months to October. Last November, Volex paid a maximum of £14.6 million for Cable Products, a maker of leads for computer and telecommunications products, and Icontec will be absorbed by Cable Products. Volex trades on both the east and west coasts of America.

## Kode buys DCM

**KODE International**, the electronics and computer services group, has acquired DCM Services, a computer maintenance specialist, from Hillsdown International for £3.2 million. The acquisition is to be financed through a £3.66 million rights issue. Shareholders are being offered 13 new shares for every 20 held at 100p each. Kode's shares slipped 3p to 129p on the news. Kode has promised to increase its interim dividend from 1p to 1.5p. Trading levels were said to be ahead of last year's.

## Bespak optimistic

**SHARES** in Bespak rose 7p to 524p in a falling market after the manufacturer of aerosol valves for the pharmaceuticals industry reported a 57 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £6.9 million for the year to May 1. It also gave a confident statement on current trading. The final dividend is 5.5p (5p), making 9p (8p). Earnings rose from 20.4p to 24.8p a share and sales from £29.57 million to £33.8 million. Bespak, which raised £38 million through two rights issues during the year, benefited from the elimination of borrowings.

## Harrison trims losses

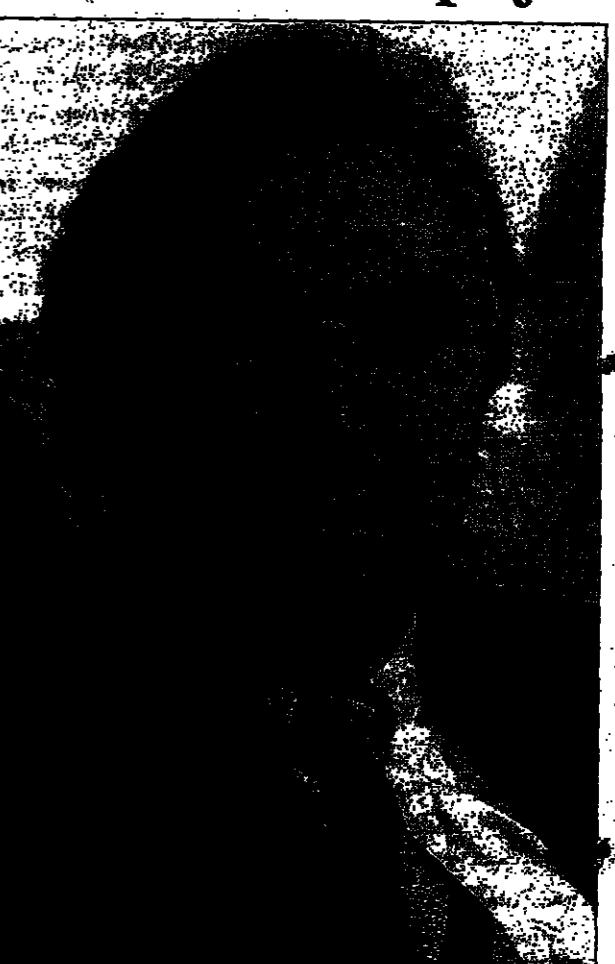
**HARRISON Industries**, the industrial holding company formerly called Antares, reported a pre-tax loss of £908,000 (£4.45 million loss) in the 15 months to end-March. Gross profit was £5.9 million (£2.5 million) but operating expenses of £6.6 million (£3.7 million) wiped out the gains. The reverse takeover of Harrison in April has boosted turnover to £17.7 million (£7.6 million). There is a loss per share of 2.4p (18.6p) and no dividend (nil). Products include industrial doors, castings, and power transmission equipment.

## Gardiner profit dives

**GARDINER**, a security alarms group, saw pre-tax profits fall to £1 million (£3.4 million) in the six months to end-April. Turnover was boosted to £36.6 million (£28.6 million) by two acquisitions but lower margins took their toll. Exceptional restructuring costs were £479,000, and £198,000 was written off below the line on abortive acquisition costs. Earnings were 0.72p (2.56p) a share. There is a maintained interim dividend of 0.47p a share.

## US shareholders to have

more say on executive pay



Highest-paid executive in 1991: Tony O'Reilly, of Heinz

have these rules in place for the 1993 proxy season. All too often today, proxy descriptions of compensation are lengthy, legalistic narratives that obscure rather than illuminate the most relevant facts."

If approved, 12 charts would be required to give investors a true picture of executive pay. One, nine-columns wide, would include information on what the five highest paid executives received in salary, bonus, share options and restricted share options. A dozen tables would have to be included to give investors a full picture of pay and performance.

The proposals were welcomed by Dale Hanson, chief executive of America's largest investor, the \$68 billion California Public Employees' Retirement System, which this year attacked 12 companies for having overpaid executives. Mr Hanson said: "Full and clear disclosure of compensation packages is the key to providing the market with the ability to control abuse."

The Business Roundtable, an association of large corporations that opposed many of the reforms last year, said it supports "simple and clear information being given to the shareholders" on executive pay. But the group could not comment specifically on other SEC proposals.

# Dixons chief attacks the electricity companies

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

**STANLEY KALMS**, head of Dixons Group, Britain's biggest electrical retailer, launched a ferocious attack on the retail ambitions of the electricity companies, accusing them of "irresponsible use of shareholders' money".

Speaking after unveiling a 14 per cent fall in group pretax profit to £70.3 million for the year to May 2, and giving a warning that business had fallen away in the early part of this year, Mr Kalms said the distribution companies were using "monopoly" money to buy market share.

The companies had "zilch skills" and almost all were "losing money hand over fist", despite the lack of a level playing field. "It is totally unfair," he said.

Mr Kalms also took a swipe at the Sunday trading laws. Enforcement would be "a tragedy for the economy" he said. "The consumers clearly want it. Our Currys Superstores do their best business of

the week on a Sunday". Dixons' profits beat a stronger performance in the United Kingdom, where operating profits improved from £54 million to £71.9 million. The advance was wiped out in America, where the Silo chain ran up losses of £16.9 million as the management struggled to get on top of service and distribution costs.

Mr Kalms said he expected reduced losses from Silo this year, but it would be 1993-4 before a profit was made.

Dixons also said it was pulling out of the British property market, and was writing down the value of its remaining United Kingdom properties by £26 million.

Mr Kalms said the capital tied in UK property could be more profitably used in the retail businesses. 19 properties were sold at an aggregate surplus in excess of book value, and the rest, now on the books at £40 million, are earmarked for sale over the next three years.

The European property division, operating chiefly in Belgium and Germany, but also in France, Luxembourg and Portugal, saw its contribution fall from £16.1 million to £5.4 million, but Mr Kalms is confident of "steady progress" this year.

The writing down of UK property is mitigated by a disposal and a tax credit to leave net extraordinary items of £11.2 million, which have trimmed available earnings to £34 million, or 9.5p a share.

Despite the setback, and the slim earnings cover, Dixons has elected to raise its final dividend to 4.4p a share, giving holders 4p for the year, compared with 5.8p a year ago.

"We've got the cash, and I am confident we can maintain the dividend," said Mr Kalms.

But he had grim news about current trading. On record as predicting the beginnings of recovery six months ago, he now says only like-for-like sales at the group's Dixons and Currys stores are "slightly ahead" in the first nine weeks of the year. He sees "no signs of any sustained economic upturn" although he believes the group will benefit strongly from recovery.

A "sustained recovery in demand" is needed if the division is to see further progress this year. Dixons' share of the UK retail electrical market improved by a full point to 18.7 per cent over the year, added Mr Kalms.

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## Close pays £6m for collector of debts

**CLOSE BROTHERS**, the merchant bank, is paying £6.09 million in cash and shares for Business Advisory Services, a commercial debt collector, as part of its drive to expand into specialised financial services.

Based in Sheffield, Yorkshire, BAS collects overdue debts for 1,300 customers and is one of the only companies in the country that specialises in corporate rather than consumer lending. It makes profits of more than £1 million on a turnover of £6 million. BAS was the subject of a management buyout from Alexander Proudfit last year.

Close is paying £3.16 million in cash, together with 1.2 million shares at 45p each. The shares have been taken by BAS's main shareholders, including Foreign & Colonial Ventures and Invesco MIM.

Rod Kent, Close's managing director, said BAS would complement the bank's existing fee-earning capacity, particularly Century, its factoring operation.

## Hollas pushes forward

**HOLLAS**, a garment importing, retail, mail-order and specialist textiles group, saw pre-tax profits climb to £223,000 (£74,000) in the year to March 31. Turnover fell 5 per cent to £37 million (£39.3 million) mainly because of the impact of recession.

A maintained final dividend of 6.6p makes an unchanged 1.2p for the year. Earnings per share were 0.2p (0.4p loss). Gearing has been reduced from 35 to 21 per cent. The company is seeking a partner for Hawkehead, its loss-making mail-order and retail subsidiary.

## Gibson Lyons slips back

**GIBSON LYONS**, a USM-listed priming ink manufacturer, saw pre-tax profit slip 21.5 per cent to £806,166 (£1.03 million) in the year to March 31. Turnover was £22.77 million (£23.07 million). Earnings per share were 4.8p (10.5p). A reduced final dividend of 3p (4p) makes a total of 5p (6p) for the year.

Gearing has been reduced from 100 per cent to below 70 per cent. Measures were taken to protect profitability, including a freeze on salaries and staff cuts. However, profits were adversely affected by the need to make further debt provisions.

## EC jobless rises to 9.5%

Unemployment in the EC rose to a seasonally adjusted 9.5 per cent in May from 9.4 per cent in April, the Community's statistics office, Eurostat, said. The May figure, up from 8.6 per cent in May 1991, is the highest monthly total since November 1988.

The jobless rate continued to rise in almost all member states, especially in Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Denmark and Britain.



Critical view: Stanley Kalms says his rivals, the power groups, have "zilch skills" in retailing and are irresponsible with shareholders' money

## Hickson grows with Irish acquisition

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

**HICKSON** International is making a £22.3 million acquisition of an Irish-based fine chemicals manufacturer in what promises to be the first of a series of expansions in the pharmaceuticals and chemicals sector.

The group is also finalising two deals that will cost £10 million, one in Belgium the other in America.

The Irish company, Angus Fine Chemicals, is being bought for below its net worth of £29.6 million, and the deal gives Hickson some much-needed additional plant capacity, Michael Rowley, Hickson's finance director, said.

The cost of establishing a new and similar-size factory would have involved considerably more than the cost of buying Angus, Hickson added.

Funding of the Irish deal will be via a placing of 12.75 million Hickson shares at 17.5p. There is a clawback provision for ordinary shareholders on the basis of one share for every 12.75 Hickson shares held.

The various acquisitions expand the group's fine chemicals division, which is likely to assume increasing significance.

Hickson shares were 5p easier at 18.4p yesterday.

## Japanese car import agreement challenged

FROM GEORGE BROCK  
IN BRUSSELS

**EUROPEAN** consumer organisations are mounting a legal challenge to a decision by Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, not to investigate a deal between British car dealers and Japanese makers limiting Japanese car imports to Britain.

Sir Leon told the European Bureau of Consumers' Unions (Beuc) in March he could find no grounds under EC competition law to investigate agreements between British dealers and Japanese makers.

Hickson is collaborating with a major customer in the development of a new product, about which neither company will elaborate, and the production of substantial tonnages will be required from the middle of next year.

If, for any reason, the share placing to raise £22.3 million does not go ahead, then the Angus deal will be funded by cash. In this event there would be no serious implications for the group's gearing, which stood at 12 per cent at year-end and is currently now under 8 per cent.

Hickson has negotiated cross-guarantees with the vendors of Angus. If either side pulls out of the deal, then the other side will pay a penalty of £5 million.

Hickson adds that among its plans it is also looking at two smaller acquisitions, both of which offer strategic opportunities.

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## French Connection reports huge losses

BY MATTHEW BOND

**FRENCH CONNECTION**, owner of the eponymous fashion retailer and of Nicole Farhi, the designer, has reported disastrous results for the year to end-January.

Pre-tax losses were £8 million compared with a £0.6 million profit in 1990-1, a performance that George Wardale, who was appointed chairman in April, described as "entirely unsatisfactory". The shares dropped 1p to 6p.

Total losses were £8.6 million, after £2.2 million of extraordinary losses were partially compensated by a £1.4 million profit.

The bulk of the extraordinary losses related to Bulkta Connection, the sportswear subsidiary, which was sold a fortnight ago but only after £2.6 million of trading losses and previously written off goodwill had been rung up.

Stock losses at Bulkta also contributed £1.4 million towards the group's exceptional costs of £2.9 million. The balance covered losses on other discontinued activities and reorganisation costs.

Beuc has claimed the agreement between the British Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders and the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association, breached the EC treaty as an example of an industry association abusing a dominant market position. Beuc is asking the European Court of Justice to annul the EC decision and the case will probably be heard towards the end of the year.

Sir Leon said in March the deal had been allowed by Britain "for commercial policy reasons". He added bilateral deals on car imports will be outlawed from next January. Neither Beuc nor Sir Leon were available for comment yesterday.

The main engines behind first-half profits were America, particularly California, where the NT Falcon lock manufacturer had moved strongly into profit for the first time since its acquisition and relocation in January 1989, and the Continent.

Continental European sales and profits were somewhat lower than the previous year, but Normbau, the German business, produced another highly creditable result, said Mr Rogers.

The company remains profitable in Britain, with a strong

months later. Stephen Malme, the finance director, also left the company. After a protracted legal row, both received compensation and apologies from the company.

Yesterday, Mr Wardale said: "While trading conditions prevailing during the year certainly contributed to the overall trading loss of £8 million, it cannot be denied that exceptionally poor management and operational controls, particularly in the first half, were a significant additional factor. The weaknesses have been fully recognised and the necessary actions are being taken to ensure that they do not recur, as was evidenced by the sale of Bulkta Connection."

The losses have reduced shareholders' funds to £3 million, compared with bank borrowings of £6.7 million. Under Stephen Marks, the majority shareholder who took over from Mr Shen, the group intends to concentrate on its French Connection and Nicole Farhi brands. Mr Wardale said: "Trading conditions continue to be difficult but, nevertheless, our core businesses are profitable with Nicole Farhi performing particularly well."

## Overseas growth helps Tonks

BY MARTIN WALLER

**STRONG** growth from overseas businesses enabled Newmans Tonks Group, the maker of architectural hardware, to limit a fall in halfway profits to £6.90 million, for a figure of £6.62 million in the first six months to end-April, despite a 10 per cent fall in turnover to £11.7 million.

The recession had meant that there had been continuing rationalisation, with a further 5 per cent cut in the total workforce in Britain, said Mr Rogers.

The company remains profitable in Britain, with a strong

reliance on the commercial and refurbishment sector, and has recently won a £2.6 million contract to supply Guy's Hospital and another to fit out the new M15 headquarters in London.

The main engines behind first-half profits were America, particularly California, where the NT Falcon lock manufacturer had moved strongly into profit for the first time since its acquisition and relocation in January 1989, and the Continent.

Continental European sales and profits were somewhat lower than the previous year, but Normbau, the German business, produced another highly creditable result, said Mr Rogers.

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## KIO brings in Salomon Bros

**THE** Kuwait Investment Office, one of the most powerful investors in the world, has hired Salomon Brothers, the American investment firm, as an adviser to help manage its huge investment portfolio, bankers said in London.

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## Jobs go at MTM in big revamp

BY JON ASHWORTH

MORE than 100 jobs are to go at MTM, the specialist chemicals group, which has embarked on a massive restructuring programme in an attempt to restore its flagging fortunes.

Neville Newson, director of European operations, is one of several senior managers to lose their jobs in the shake-up, which has seen the workforce cut by 10 per cent. The group now employs 900 people.

Terry Smith has been appointed finance director. He joins from British Fuels and previously worked for Yorkshire Chemicals. The changes are part of a new drive by Ken Schofield, chief executive, who took charge in May after a boardroom reshuffle which saw all the non-executive directors step down.

Richard Lines, the former chairman and chief executive, and Tom Baxter, finance director, resigned in March after the company's share price crashed from 286p to 105p in the wake of two profits warnings in one week. The shares were unchanged at 30p yesterday.

The Stock Exchange launched an investigation into the resignations. Inquiries widened to include the Serious Fraud Office in May after the group reported a £20.5 million loss for 1991 compared with a profit of £7.9 million.

Exceptional provisions of £25.6 million included write-downs on land and equipment and cover against foreign exchange losses.

One of Mr Schofield's first acts was to reach an agreement with bankers over debts of £106.7 million. A standstill has been agreed until January 1993. Now, the group has been reorganised into three divisions, comprising research chemicals, fine chemicals and performance chemicals.

Previously, operations were run according to their geographic spread from a central point.

The divisions will be run as separate profit centres. Further cost-cutting measures are planned. Production is divided between plants in South Carolina and Ohio, and in north-east England.

Staff reductions are expected to save £1 million in 1992 and £3 million in 1993. Redundancy costs as these are made are expected to reach £500,000.

A spokesman said the moves would create a solid foundation for growth. "We are building a base for the future. Clearly there is a long way to go."

David Swallow, the non-executive chairman, is a former managing director of RTZ Chemicals. He and Mr Schofield worked together on the board of Hickson International, the chemicals group.

## Austrians top Europe for taking days off

BY ROSS TIEMAN  
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

**HELPLESS** Britons and thousands of others caught up in the French lorry drivers' blockade have plenty of reasons to think Austria's few Europeans, from east or west, can beat a long-serving Austrian in terms of his annual holiday entitlement.

## Record earnings for Nike footwear

FROM REUTER  
IN OREGON

Nike, the sports footwear and clothes manufacturer, expects another record year in 1993, based on a 17 per cent increase in orders for the next six months, after posting record earnings and revenues for its year ended May 31.

Nike's income of \$329.2 million, or \$4.30 a share, on revenues of \$3.41 billion, compared to \$287 million or \$3.77 a share on \$3 billion the previous year.

The company said it is on target to achieve revenue of \$6 billion by 1996.

It said its record results reflect American retailers continued success with Nike products in spite of a difficult market, plus strong international growth.

International revenues grew 32 per cent to \$1.13 billion from \$862 million last year and Nike's American business grew 5 per cent to \$2.1 billion from \$2 billion. The company said its debt-to-equity ratio is more than three-to-one.

Meanwhile, LA Gear, a rival sports shoe company, said in Los Angeles it sees continued losses in the second half, based on sales 36.9 per cent lower in the second quarter, and does not anticipate being able to pay the dividends on its series A Preferred stock on August 28.

The holder of this stock, Trefoil Capital Investors, is now expected to be entitled to the exclusive right to elect a majority of the company's directors at that time.

LA Gear reported a loss for the second quarter, ended May 31, of \$24.4 million after a \$13.9 million after-tax charge for previously disclosed litigation settlements, leaving a \$30.8 million loss for the first half. These compare to losses from continuing operations of \$3.5 million and \$14.5 million in the quarter and half, respectively, last year.

DID Stanley Kalms tweak the Dixons dividend yesterday by way of apology to shareholders whom he had led to expect a recovery in the group's UK stores?

The first nine weeks of Dixons' current year appear to show that the relative pre-election euphoria was misplaced and that double-figure sales increases seen last year petered out in late spring. Without the statement of confidence in the longer term that the dividend move implied, the shares might well have fallen further than they did.

The 1991-2 results contained little that was surprising, with Silo every bit as bad as feared, but Dixons is now in the throes of a fierce cost-cutting campaign that should have the £16.9 million loss in America this year, even if there is no pick-up in sales.

In the UK, the British consumer continued to play with his camcorder and computer games, even though the economy resolutely refused to catch fire.

All that was surprising about Dixons' withdrawal from UK property was that the company should have been there in the first place. It does, however, seem to be getting out without too much damage to its balance sheet, which remains one of the group's more positive features.

Shareholders will hope that the board does not have to repeat the exercise with its European property business later in the decade.

Dixons could not be facing a challenge from the cash-rich electricity distributors at a worse time. Although it should be confident of holding them off, the prospect of a price war during a period of flat sales is daunting. John Richards, at County NatWest, was among the analysts to downgrade his profit forecast to £3.3 million, or earnings per share of 12.2p, for the current year. With the shares at 214p, that would imply an earnings multiple in excess of 17.5, and that looks high.



Warning on regulation: Eastern Electricity's John Devaney, left, and James Smith

## Eastern Electricity

AS the reporting season for the electricity distributors drifts to a close, it is clear that the figures quoted in the companies' annual results bear little resemblance to what is happening on the ground.

This has an important well beyond that tight circle of analysts who have to comprehend the figures. The Byzantine complexity of the regulatory environment with under-and-over-recovery allowing sharp swings in profits between one year and the next, does not make the regulator's job any easier, either. Eastern

is a case in point. The pre-tax line shows a 34.5 per cent increase to £143.1 million in the full year. But Eastern is both "winning" in over-recovery on its distribution business and "losing" in under-recovery on its supply business.

The real outcome for the year, therefore, was a 6.3 per cent rise in gross profits, a function of inflation and the 1.8 per cent rise in units of electricity distributed, and a 23 per cent like-for-like operating profits increase taking into account the benefits of cost savings.

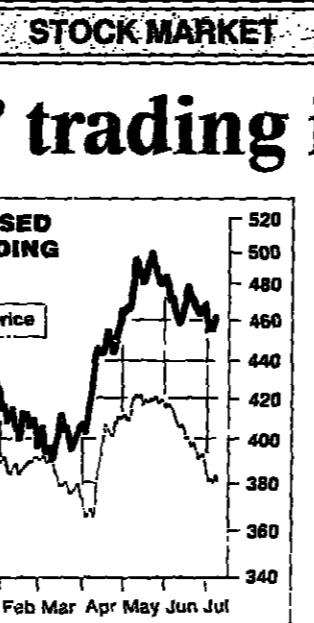
James Smith, Eastern's chairman, is one of the first in the industry to give a formal warning that tighter regulation could threaten future

profits, although he stresses, inevitably, that he is talking about companies other than his own. Eastern has a relatively poor image in the City, not helped by losses last year on the supply business, where it gambled against the behaviour of the generators in the power pool and lost.

A 1993 pre-tax profit of £8.5 million, or net earnings of 4.1p, would be sufficient to allow a total 1.3p dividend. Profits in 1994 of £14.1 million, equivalent to net earnings of 6.3p, would support a 2p profit.

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## City says stores' trading is deteriorating

FAR from seeing any evidence of a pick-up in the stores sector, City brokers are now starting to take the view that trading conditions have begun to deteriorate again. Consumer confidence remains low and there are, as yet, few signs that people are willing to buy goods on credit or allow themselves to move further into debt. The message from analysts is that trading conditions are beginning to worsen. Weather conditions have also deterred shoppers and, once again, both sales and margins appear to be under pressure.

Zak Keshavjee, a retail analyst at Williams de Broe, the broker, has taken a bearish view of the stores sector for some time and he believes that it may have some way to go before reaching the bottom. He reaffirms that the prospects for a sustained pick-up in consumer spending are rapidly fading and that, in the absence of a significant fall in interest rates, the housing market will remain weak well into next year, with consumers continuing to reduce indebtedness rather than increase spending.

Yesterday, he cut his profit forecast for Marks and Spencer, down 3p to 311p, by £15 million to £715 million for the current year, against £623 million last time. He is also urging clients to switch from Argos, 4p cheaper at 229p, to new issue MFI — being offered at 115p — and has

downgraded Kingfisher, 4p easier at 466p, to £225 million, compared with other market estimates ranging from £260 million to £280 million.

The problems facing the high street were also underlined by Dixons, the electrical retailer, down 6p to 214p. The group weighed in with full-year figures below analysts' forecasts. Stanley Kalms, the chairman, gave a warning that there were few signs of recovery.

Boots was another weak market, losing 14p at 428p, with rival Lloyds Chemists easing 2p to 295p. This followed reports that the formula used to calculate prescription charges was being altered.

Elsewhere, investors were having another sticky day with

share prices virtually wiping out the gains seen earlier this week. A fall of 44 points overnight on Wall Street and the pound's continued weakness saw prices marked sharply lower. But a few buyers at the cheap end and a steadier trend on Wall Street enabled the FTSE 100 index to have its earlier losses. The index finished 21.1 points down at 2,472.6. Business was again thin, with only 396 million shares traded.

The news at the Telegraph bodies badly for the Wellcome share sale, applications for which opened on Tuesday. The Wellcome price was again on the slide, falling 6p to 394p after a roadshow for Japanese investors got off to a disappointing start.

The electricity distributors came in for a bout of profit-taking, giving up some of Tuesday's strong gains that came in the wake of the new

pricing policy for the industry issued by Offer, the regulatory authority. The formula of the inflation rate, minus three percentage points, was less than some analysts had feared. It now seems certain the electricity distributors will now have the scope to continue pursuing their generous dividend policies.

Falls were recorded in Eastern, 3p to 285p, East Midlands, 1p to 314p, London, 4p to 329p, Manweb, 2p to 371p, Midlands, 7p to 332p.

P&O, the shipping and construction group, fell 6p to 413p as Kleinwort Benson cut its forecast for the current year by £20 million to £250 million and for next year by £35 million to £300 million. Its cruise liner side is suffering from overcapacity and the recession continues to affect construction and property. Kleinwort says there is still no suggestion of a dividend cut.

Seaboard, 8p to 332p, South West, 5p to 328p, and Yorkshire, 10p to 373p. There were still a few buyers for Northern, 2p better at 351p, Southern, 5p firmer at 311p, South Wales, 2p harder at 371p, and Norweb, 1p at 364p. The electricity package finished 643p cheaper at £3,305.

MICHAEL CLARK

## Advance by Tops Estates

TOPS Estates, a property company that specialises in shopping centres and parades, reported a 7.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £2.6 million in the year to March 31.

Rental income rose by 8.2 per cent to £10.7 million, encouraging the board to raise the final dividend by 11.5 per cent to 1.45p (1.3p). That made a total of 2p (1.8p). The value of the

group's investment portfolio rose from £170 million to £174 million, with completed developments transferred to that portfolio making up for falls in value elsewhere. The revaluation includes £3.9 million of capitalised costs incurred during the year.

Net assets advanced marginally to £101 million, giving net assets per share of 219p (216p).

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## TEMPUS

## Dixons still stuck in the doldrums

Southern, while long-term regional economic trends are favourable. But it will take a while for the City's perception to shift.

### Budgens

SIR Ron Brierty, the New Zealand entrepreneur, likes Budgens so much that he has not only raised his stake from 18.8 per cent last August to a current 26 per cent, but has put one of his team on the company.

In its own right Budgens, under new management, is looking interesting, and the about-turn from losses to profits in the year to April 26 could just be the start of a much more profitable road ahead.

Operating a food retailing chain that is largely based in resort towns and cities has helped give Budgens an all-year-round flavour, and the outlook is sufficiently encouraging for dividends to look like being resumed this financial year. They were last paid in 1990.

The previous pre-tax loss of £14.7 million was turned into a pre-tax profit of £4.64 million, and the trading profit to turnover ratio improved from 1.09 per cent to 2.24 per cent. Trading is off to a reasonable start this year, and though Budgens is playing its cards close to its tills about whether there will be an interim and a final dividend this year, or merely one payment, analysts' profit projections for 1993 and 1994 are, nonetheless, encouraging.

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# ACCOUNTANCY TIMES

Forensic accounting experts can make rogues repay their gains

## Give financial sleuths the tools to catch big-time fraudsters

**A global register of convicts could help trap criminals and stem the loss of billions, argues Robert Chambers**

**IF THE business community seriously wants to assist in the control of the global fraud problem, it must first come to grips with some of the primary factors — not the least of which are the costs being passed on to the world's citizens.**

A total figure for fraud is difficult to come by, but it can be estimated to be in the thousands of millions of dollars a year. Country-by-country statistics are sketchy at best, which may have something to do with individual governments not being enthusiastic about disclosing such embarrassing information, as well as the fact that international collation is still in its infancy.

However, it is not only the scale and variations of fraud that are not sufficiently understood and exposed, but information exchanges by law-enforcement offices and authorities are spasmodic and piecemeal. The result is that advance warnings about the activities of fraudsters — as well as steps leading to their apprehension — are not as effective as is necessary in this era of multi-million pound misappropriations.

The answer to these problems would seem to be an international fraud register that would contain information about convicted fraudsters and their crimes. It could also include the names of company directors and officers who have been involved with firms where assets disappeared and individuals whose whereabouts are unknown and whom police have been unable to question about financial irregularities.

While the difficulties with a central international fraud register are profound, they are not insurmountable. Given goodwill between governments and a clear understanding of the need to protect the rights of the individual, the



Co-ordinated approach: Chambers has forensic staff in 125 offices worldwide

necessary to start a co-ordinated action against the cancer of fraud immediately would appear to be overwhelming. The need for a register is clear, but questions will arise about: who will administer the register?; who will fund the practical operations?; who will supervise the protection of the rights of the individual?; Government

all collectively and it seems likely that amendments to existing legislation will be required to maximise the effectiveness of the register.

To satisfy the needs of privacy, the information in the

recommendations are in line with those proposed by the chairman of the Commons select committee for such a register, made earlier this year. It is useful to refer to the fraud barometer created by KPMG Forensic Accounting in London, which tracks the scale of fraud in the UK. It shows that there have been 270 cases of fraud in the past

five years involving amounts in excess of £100,000. Of these, more than a third involved banks. In fact, the cost of fraud in the UK more than doubled between 1987 and 1991. About £376 million was being skimmed off from

### The individual's right to privacy must be weighed against the cost borne by all

register will include details of convictions, but where no conviction has occurred, the listing would be limited to the name of the individual or the company and the sources where additional research can be carried out. These recom-

organisations and individuals, compared to £163 million five years before. The figures are based on cases where charges have been brought so this is just the tip of the iceberg.

John Ellison, a forensic partner in our London office, says that pursuing suspected frauds sometimes requires the special qualities of a forensic accountant before the issue comes to court. He says: "One claim I was involved in concerned a fraud where police had decided not to prosecute because they said there was a lack of evidence. We traced funds held by an individual with several aliases and companies to the Channel Islands. We were able to show that his relatives had received the money concerned, prepared an expert witness report and as a result he settled out of court and repaid the £300,000."

Another member of the London team, David Smith, a fraud investigator, recalled a case where after being retained for a Middle East bank bad-debt recovery, funds were traced through a maze of offshore companies and front firms. The credit card of the man involved was withdrawn, leaving him stranded in the most expensive hotel in the Orient. He was forced to settle the outstanding \$3 million and all investigation costs. These examples are just a flavour of the cases where forensic accounting experts have been able to make international rogues repay their ill-gotten gains and make them think twice before attempting similar schemes again.

Our London group has acted for the trade department in the Guinness scandal and for the Serious Fraud Office in the Polly Peck and Maxwell affairs. Our fraud investigation network of forensic staff encompasses 125 offices worldwide, all seeking to co-ordinate their efforts.

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### LETTERS

#### Politics of the expectations gap

*From the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales*

Sir, Under the thin guise of research on the expectations gap, Prem Sikka and his colleagues (June 25) are pursuing again their political campaign to weaken public confidence in the new system of audit regulation.

That system certainly has to prove its effectiveness. The expectations gap is certainly a problem, one on which both the Auditing Practices Board and the Institute's Auditing Committee are working. But there is only the most tenuous and spurious link between the two issues.

The profession has shown itself more than willing to move further into line with public expectations. The independent Auditing Practices Board has already put forward a new form of Auditors' Report, proposed new rules on going concern, and started a re-examination of the auditors' duties in relation to fraud. All of these show the profession reacting positively to legitimate concerns.

But it is by no means self-evident how the fundamentally difficult issue of an extension of the auditor's duties in relation to fraud, for example, would suddenly become more tractable because of another change in the regulatory framework. In that respect, Dr Sikka's main target should be recognised for what it is: a big, fat red herring.

It would be a pity if Dr Sikka and his colleagues, in their understandable desire to bring about improvements, were to replace a system which is not perfect with one which does not work at all.

Yours faithfully,  
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## ACCA books an early ticket for the Brussels gravy train

**Edward Fennell says one UK accountancy body has stolen a march on the others with an office to boost European contacts**

THE Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA) has always prided itself on being more internationally minded than its sister accountancy bodies. The association has confirmed that reputation by being the first accountancy institution from the UK to announce that it is to open a permanent office in Brussels, with José Lalloum as its representative.

Andrew Sansom, the ACCA's chief executive, said: "In the past, we have relied on getting information at second-hand from the European Commission. We realised that that had to change. It was important to have access at first hand to developments in Brussels and the discussions that are taking place within the commission. Our new permanent office, which opens in October, will give us that kind of access."

The ACCA sees its quasi-lobbying function increasing in the years ahead. It already works closely with European Strategy, the European and Westminster Strategy, the consultant, but feels that is important to have a direct presence on the ground and be part of the Brussels scene.

"To be influential with the commission you need personal contacts, you need to be abreast with current thinking, and you need to be in at the beginning of discussions," Mr Sansom said.

When asked about the cost of the new operation, Mr Sansom said that he was reluctant to go into the details.

"When you are representing a body of accountants the first thing they will ask, of course, is how much it is costing and are we getting value for money? At this stage, however, we can't quantify the potential benefits. After all, how do you quantify having an amiable relationship with EC officials?" he said.

The real issue is whether the ACCA can become one of the power brokers on the

### Recession pays off

THERE has never been any doubt that accountants are the real winners in a recession. Now we know just how well they have done. Figures from the top 19 firms show fee income from insolvency tripled from £10.4 million in 1988 to £33.1 million last year. Insolvency work now accounts for 11 per cent of total fee income compared with 8 per cent three years ago. Cork Gully is streets ahead with 21.3 per cent of the market, followed by KPMG Peat Marwick (14.6 per cent), Touche Ross (11.9 per cent) and Price Waterhouse (11.1 per cent). Datamonitor, the strategic consultancy that compiled the

figures, says recent mergers among medium-sized firms are just the beginning.

**Norman Lamont, nicknamed Varman during the general election, is ready to hand on the title to Andrew Ball. VAT partner at Touche Ross, Ball is the new chairman of the VAT Practitioners Group, a body representing nearly 400 senior VAT experts from accountancy and legal circles.**

### Mistaken identity

MUSICAL chairs at Price Waterhouse where Sir Jeffrey Bowman, chairman of PW in Europe, and Shaun O'Malley, senior partner of the Ameri-

can practice, have been elevated from joint chief executives to joint chairmen of PW's world operations. Meanwhile, Howard Hughes, jovial deputy chairman of PW Europe, has been appointed world managing partner. "I expect to travel even more widely," says Hughes, who has regarded air-hostesses with suspicion since an incident in the mid-1980s. He was on a domestic American flight to Arizona when a stewardess enquired whether he really was Mr H. Hughes. "Yes," he replied. "It's really Howard Hughes I'm yours," she drawled. At this point, an American leaned over and demanded in a gruff voice: "Is your name Howard

Hughes?" When Hughes answered that indeed he was, the man replied: "Gee, I know exactly how you feel. My name's Abraham Lincoln."

**Polly Peck day**

When the going gets tough, throw up a party. Such is the view of Adrian Martin and Dermot Mathias of Stoy Hayward, who along with Paul Hippis, the senior partner, took just about everything Fleet Street could throw at them after a string of disasters in late 1990. The demise of Polly Peck International, a long-time audit client of Stoy's, set the ball rolling, but Martin and Mathias have buried any hard feelings. "We celebrated it a year later," says Martin. "We actually had a party for the managers on September 23. It was exactly a year since Polly Peck was raided." Word has it that Polly Peck day will become an annual fixture.

## Shadow cast over sunshine policy

**IF YOU required an example of pettiness of the non-party kind you would take a look at the professional bodies. There you would find every example of back-biting, niggling jealousies, career progressions impeded because of some long-forgotten past slight, policies pursued only because of a dislike of another department, and a general disregard of the public good as a priority. What difference is there between this and the civil service, you might say. To which the answer is "none at all", except for one large proviso. The civil service has somehow managed to retain some of its mystique. It has retained its respectability and reputation despite being assumed to be a joke by the public.**

The professional bodies are different. Their cloak of importance and perceived wisdom has been ripped to shreds in recent years. Party this has been motivated by envy but mostly it has been sparked by an increasing disquiet that their protestations of being there for the public good does not quite square with their actions.

Such organisations tend to implode. They are a pretty sight. Hence the glimpses of irrational and ill-judged behaviour by the latest internal battle over disciplinary hearings at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; this is exactly what is happening there. On July 27, the most important case yet to come before the institute's professional conduct panel will take place. Although it arises out of the collapse of the Polly Peck empire it is not the most important case in terms of public interest. What takes this case to the top in terms of importance is that for the first time the institute is taking action over two of the most senior men in the profession.

Richard Stone is head of corporate finance at Coopers & Lybrand and alongside him will be an even bigger scalp, the charismatic and obdurate head of Cooper's insolvency practice, Michael Jordan. The institute was reluctant about this hearing. When the evidence began to be unturned that Mr Jordan and Mr Stone should not have taken on the Polly Peck administration because of a conflict of interest as there had been "a continuing professional relationship" between Coopers and Asil Nadir, its chairman, the institute and Coopers took the line that the relationship had been an extremely minor one. But the slow revelations of more and more facts forced the institute's hand. As well as another of the Big Six firms putting in a formal complaint.

So the hearing, once delayed already, will be high profile. At the same time, the institute is putting into practice the results of its working party on openness. It decided a year ago that one way of countering public concern over the profession's depth of belief in acting in the public interest would be to adopt what it described as a "sunshine" policy.

This has nothing to do with the revolving stained glass windows depicting a sunburst that it mercifully keeps behind closed shutters in the Great Hall, but much to do with letting

the public see its decision-making processes when public interest matters are being debated. Last week it finally announced that council meetings would be held "partly in public"; for example. This is less than the original working party had hoped for on that count. But you have to remember that the decision was taken by the council itself. While the council has some fine members, it also has more than its fair share of deadwood from the shires. The idea that fellow members of the institute, journalists and members of the public should be allowed in to observe them merrily and dozing in the middle rows is not necessarily one that they embrace with enthusiasm.

But councils, thankfully, are made up of a wide variety of people. And, inevitably, there are a few who are seen as mavericks. Such people may cause the secretariat all sorts of problems as they unmercifully rock the boat. But they are also the people who frequently produce the useful reforms. One such on the council of the English institute is Douglas Liambias. He can be very difficult to deal with. He can have more than a hint of arrogance about him. But he also offends many of their sensibilities. He is, after all, a self-made man. He has battled his way up from the sort of poverty in Camberwell that John Major experienced in Brixton. He has built a very successful business in accountancy recruitment and latterly also in merger broking. It was he who in recent weeks brought together Stoy Hayward and Fimmes and Baker Tilly and Milne Ross, for example. But Liambias does not make any attempt, unlike John Major, to fit smoothly into his world. He annoys the council by not observing their niceties and by often being right. He has, unlike many on the council, produced real achievements. His work on pioneering closer relationships between the police and the profession over the cracking down and discovery of fraud has been extremely valuable, for example. But, for council, that pales into insignificance when put alongside his behaviour. Heavens, the man still ostentatiously ticks his napkin under his chin at official dinners. He has become a wine expert and on one famous occasion at the president's annual dinner he actually sent the wine back. These are not the done things. Definitely not.

Liambias has also served his time on the institute's disciplinary committee. But his term on the committee came to an end last year. So he requested, as a member of council and one experienced in such matters, that he be allowed to sit in on the Mr Jordan and Mr Stone hearing as an observer. And, despite all the guff about openness, despite his experience in the field, despite his work on the council and despite his interest in the case, he was turned down.

He was told that the bye-laws excluded him from sitting in as an observer because he was, as their legal term put it, an outsider.

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## Private firms waste £300m on audits

By Jon Ashworth

PRIVATE companies are wasting up to £300 million a year in extra fees through lack of communication with their auditors.

Careful preparation could save many companies 10 per cent or more off their annual audit bill, according to Black Rothenberg, a London firm known for its financial guides. The key to saving money is to do as much of the background work as possible and plan a strict financial timetable well in advance.

Clive Parfitt will be managing partner and Richard Blakie chairman. Alan Vause and Roger Clark will be joint deputy chairmen and Martin Rodgers will join the combined firm's management team. The merged firm is strong in areas such as arts, entertainment and media, and property, construction and professional practices.

Mr Parfitt said: "This is not a big merger but offers both firms a first-class opportunity to strengthen their London and South Eastern practice and further develop client services." Mr Rodgers, Milne Ross management board chairman, said that the combination enabled his firm to meet its strategic objectives.

The first step is to look at the basic contract." Mr Rothenberg said. "I am still surprised that this is not done, as a matter of course, by directors of companies."

Small and medium-sized companies — those with turnover ranging up to £30 million a year — pay from £5,000 to

£40,000 or more in audit fees. While shopping around for quotes is one way of saving costs, some simple internal bookwork may be less time-consuming.

Directors should try and foresee any problems that might arise during an audit and set a scale for any extra fees accordingly. Payment terms should be agreed at the time the fee is set. "If these are clarified before the audit starts, the ability to get the audit done becomes very much easier," Mr Rothenberg said.

It helps to draw up a timetable for the audit and to prepare as much background documentation as possible. "Auditors need information," he said. "The more that can be done by the company, the less the cost charged."

Somewhat optimistically, he suggests directors should notify their auditors about any unusual transactions. Since one of the auditor's main tasks is to assess risk, any help provided by the company can reduce the time involved, hence lowering the costs.

The attitude of employees is important. Junior members of staff often feel an auditor is secretly checking up on them and are reluctant to help, slowing the auditing process down and bumping up the hourly fees. One or two should be appointed to answer questions.

Finally, there is the structure of the company to consider. Some have a range of subsidiaries, each requiring a separate audit. Simplify the structure, and the savings will follow.

The advice boils down to keeping the auditor informed. Doing so through the year avoids the need for extra work at the time the audit is being prepared. The more background information that can be prepared in advance the better, as long as the expense of putting extra staff on to such tasks does not outweigh the cost savings.

JON ASHWORTH





# Shalford ready to take July Cup

FOLLOWING that record-breaking victory in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot, Shalford can emulate his sire Thatching by winning the July Cup at Newmarket.

Yesterday his trainer, Richard Hannon, told me that Shalford has been working consistently well with his talented stable companion Mr Brooks all summer and that he appears to be much improved this year.

The first hinting that he could prove capable of capturing this group one trophy came at York in May when he beat Mr Brooks by three-and-a-half lengths to win the Duke of York Stakes, albeit when in receipt of 2lb.

Amigo Menor was a further length and a half behind in third at level weights, and Amigo Menor was again five

**MICHAEL PHILLIPS**

lengths behind Shalford in the Cork and Orrery Stakes in receipt of 4lb.

The following day Mr Brooks was involved in that close finish with Sheikh Albadou, Elbilo and Wolfhound in the King's Stand Stakes. Less than a length separated the first four home in the King's Stand Stakes.

A line through Mr Brooks, both on the gallops at Epsom, gives a clear indication that Shalford should win again. He is my nap.

Given that was Sheikh Albadou's first run for seven months an improved performance can be expected from the horse who ended last sea-

son by winning the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs.

Having said that, it is only fair to add that both Elbilo, who was third to Polish Patriot and Lycus in today's race 12 months ago, and Wolfhound looked unlucky at Ascot: Elbilo because he had to be checked and switched to the outside at a crucial time when making his run; Wolfhound because he was tapped for speed at a critical stage over only five furlongs. The extra furlong of today's race will undoubtedly suit him.

Hannon and Michael Roberts, the rider of Shalford, should end the meeting on a high note by winning the EBF Fulbourn Maiden Stakes with Right Win, who finished 12 lengths ahead of the third when beaten by Wharf first time out.

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**ICC hold over decision on hosts for World Cup**

# Zimbabwe brought into the ranks of Test match elite

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

**TO THE** bewilderment of many and the overt consternation of the English authorities, Zimbabwe were yesterday elected to full Test-playing status by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Zimbabwe have no first-class cricket structure and their playing standards are palpably below Test match requirements. But their promotion to full membership, proposed by West Indies and seconded by Pakistan, was carried on a majority vote and they expect to play their inaugural Test match in late October.

David Ellman-Brown, the Zimbabwean representative at the ICC annual meeting, said afterwards that India would be their initial Test opponents. "We are expecting them to tour our country on their way to South Africa and hope they will play a Test and two one-day internationals," he said.

New Zealand are also in

negotiation to visit Zimbabwe before the end of the year, possibly playing two Tests, and reciprocal series are planned over the coming two years between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, who were the most recent nation to be granted Test status, 11 years ago.

Zimbabwe will have much goodwill on their side, for they have been in the classic chicken-and-egg dilemma. Their standards have regressed, if anything, over recent years, as their best players have gone elsewhere to seek Test cricket, and this was never going to be corrected until they were accepted into the elite.

It is worth remembering that they beat England in the World Cup, only four months ago, and that they will now have the close co-operation of South Africa in improving their grass-roots cricket.

England, although fundamentally opposed to Zimbabwe's election, did not feel inclined to veto it, which they could technically have done. The veto, possessed by England and Australia, as foundation members of the ICC, was expected to be relinquished yesterday but, instead, a wordy, legalistic statement was issued, which appeared to give it a year's grace.

A sub-committee, comprising the chairman, Sir Colin Cowdrey, and one delegate each from England and Australia, will be set up to suggest "appropriate amendments" to the rules. It all seems a great fuss about a facility nobody can recall being used but it may reflect English concern over decreasing voting power. England's confidence that the next World Cup will be staged in this country, probably in 1995, was not tested yesterday as the conference did not have time to complete its agenda. It will reconvene this morning. South Africa's counter-bid being unlikely to dislodge England as hosts.

The controversial and experimental bouncer limitations were debated yesterday without any indication that the three-year term, for which they were imposed, will be altered. Sir Colin, while less than forthcoming on some matters, was, however, explicit in his opinions on this one.

He said: "Short-pitched bowling is the ugly side of cricket, the side which creates such bitterness. All boards are conscious of those aspects of the rule being criticised but we want to find an improving refinement to hold our line against excessive bouncers."

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With their unstoppable progress in the Sunday League, the season is still full of excitement for Middlesex, who meet Durham at Uxbridge in a game brimming of heavyweight batting. It could therefore paradoxically be decided by the relative strengths of the bowlers.

Horne advantage should also count at Northampton — where Yorkshire include Paul Jarvis — Edgbaston, Derby and even in the West Country.

RJ Hardwick, Agner Sobhani and Ian Botham are all in form, while Leicestershire's Howard Hipwood, with leech-like tenacity, Rinehart, Snow and Buchanan swept through

to score the goals. Snow accounted for ten.

On the other hand, none of the Bulldogs played up to their handicaps, nor gelled effectively. The Bulldogs' greatest weakness was to fail when the chances to score were there.

At Amherst, Ellerton White had to fight Hildon 20-9. The

CS Brooks, bear Bulldogs 17-5 in a league two match (John Watson writes). Despite the score, it was a robust, hard-fought match.

CS Brooks, based on the dynamic co-operation of Owen Rinehart and Adam Snow, were patently the more powerful. While Julian Daniels, the stand-in for Brook Johnson, marked the Bulldogs' No. 3, nine-handicap

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Ship ahoy: a crewman on the yacht 'Rhone Poulen' in the Solent yesterday

## Kent get ready for cup final

By PETER BALL

THE championship table can change dramatically in a short space of time, as Nottinghamshire and Surrey have proved in recent weeks, so writing teams off in early July is dangerous. But, for half a dozen counties, defeat in the second round of the NatWest Trophy today — or tomorrow if the weather is unkind — would effectively mean that their season was at an end.

There is no such danger for Hampshire and Kent, who may instead regard the meeting at Southampton today as an *hors d'oeuvre* for the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's on Saturday. That makes it the most fascinating match of the round in some ways but drawing too many conclusions from the result may be a mistake. Would anyone be surprised if Hampshire — who prefer Bob Parks to Aymes, who is now fit again — won today and Kent upset the form book at the weekend?

But if Hampshire or Kent have consolidation ready at hand if they lose, there is no such luxury for several of their rivals. First among them is Lancashire, as Neil Fairbrother admitted before he left for Chelmsford, where he faces a late fitness test this morning before the tie with Essex.

"It is all we've got left this season," Fairbrother said. "We're out of touch in the championship, the Sunday League is impossible now and we are already out of the Benson. Yes, you could say it is vital for us."

Fairbrother's absence has not helped Lancashire in a disappointing season, his first as captain, and desperation may see him pushed into action today against wiser judgement. DeFreitas is expected to play, news which will be welcome beyond the confines of Old Trafford after the way England bowled in the third Test match.

Lancashire have been bowling like all season. At least Danny Morrison produced his best performance of the season in the last championship game but his aggression tends to tell against him in limited-overs cricket, and Chelmsford is a pitch that places great demands on a bowler's accuracy.

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FA may hit worst offenders hard

## Southampton face up to hefty fine for bad behaviour

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

**SOUTHAMPTON**, the worst behaved team in the Football League last season, may start life in the Premier League short of several thousand pounds. The club is expected to be hit by a heavy fine at least, when its manager, Ian Branfoot, comes before the Football Association next month to explain last season's shocking disciplinary record.

In Branfoot's first full campaign in charge, Southampton accumulated 80 cautions. They had five sendings-off — Matthew Le Tissier, Richard Hall, Barry Horne and Neil Ruddock (twice) — and 11 suspensions. Altogether 20 different players were booked and an FA spokesman said yesterday: "Southampton totalled significantly more disciplinary points than anyone else in last season's first division. Their record of the last five years will be taken into account."

Southampton must fear the worst after receiving a suspended sentence three seasons ago. Exeter, Lincoln and Darlington have also been ordered to appear before a fine-man FA commission.

Phil Neal, the former manager of Bolton Wanderers, has been appointed assistant manager to Bobby Gould at Coventry City. The vacancy arose when Don Howe, Gould's managerial partner, left recently because of the amount of travelling from his London home. He has since joined Chelsea.

Gould said that Neal had proved his knowledge of players and tactics as a manager in the lower divisions. "Now he wants a crack at the big league and I believe we will be a successful partnership."

Harry Redknapp has returned to West Ham United as assistant manager to his former team-mate, Billy Bonds. When Redknapp resigned as manager of Bournemouth after nearly nine years last month speculation arose that he would return to West Ham for whom he played 146

games on the right wing. He takes over as assistant from Ronnie Boyce, who is moving to the scouting side to work alongside Eddie Baily. Stuart Ripley took Blackburn's spending under Kenny Dalglish close to £7 million when he completed his move yesterday — and then admitted that he has yet to meet his new manager. The Middlesbrough winger cost £1.3 million, but the deal was conducted with Dalglish away on holiday.

The cash for Blackburn's record signing again came courtesy of their benefactor Jack Walker, the major shareholder who oversaw the deal.

Leeds United have agreed to change the date of two of their Premier League fixtures for next season after objections from local police. South Yorkshire police objected to the Yorkshire derby with Sheffield United being played at Bramall Lane on Saturday March 6 and the game has now been put back 24 hours.

Police in East Anglia were opposed to the Norwich-Leeds game being played on Easter Monday April 12 and the game will now go ahead two days later.

Mark Cooper, the son of the Birmingham City manager, Terry, will miss the first four games of the season for being sent off at Stockport in the last season's final game. The normal three-match ban was increased to four because the referee, George Courtney, said in his report that Cooper's foul on David Fraim was "premeditated" with intent to cause serious injury.

### Two more join league

**SCOTLAND'S** five breakaway clubs have announced that Hibernian and St Johnstone have joined them in the new Scottish Super League, which last month revealed its intentions to leave the established set-up north of the border.

Like Rangers, Celtic, Hearts, Aberdeen and Dundee United, the two newcomers have submitted two years' notice of their intention

to resign from the Scottish Football League. The Scottish Super League has proposed that a total of eight teams make up the new league.

Wallace Mercer, the chairman of the Scottish Super League, said yesterday: "The inquiries which we have received to date demonstrate that there is a broad base of support among Scotland's top clubs for the concept of a Super League."

### GOLF

## Davies can relax as rivals worry

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN COLOGNE

THERE are two sure bets in Cologne this week: one is that

Laura Davies is the favourite to win the Hennessy Cup, which starts at the Köln-Refrath course today, for the first time; the other is that the Solheim Cup will be consuming the waking hours and, in many cases, the dreams of many of the competitors.

Davies, who won in Munich last month, will rest easy, for she is already assured of an automatic place in the European team to meet the Americans at Dalmatia in October. That is more than she managed two years ago, when Mickey Walker, the European captain, had to waste one of her precious wild cards on her best and best-known player.

Newly slimline (she has lost 50s since November and is still counting), Davies has recovered her game after a worrying flurry of missed cuts in the United States earlier in the year. She feels she is

playing nearly as well as she can and it is hard to see beyond her for a winner here.

The Swedes, rarely lacking in bounce and confidence, would undoubtedly dispute that. Helen Alfredsson is the defending champion and she still has to secure an automatic spot in the Solheim side, with only two tournaments left to count. The first prize here is £18,000 and Alfie never needs telling what it's all about. She can count.

Liselotte Neumann, the first Swede to win the US women's Open championship, has never won the Hennessy, but she has won in Germany before and, like Alfredsson, she will not want to rely on Walker for her berth at Dalmatia. That is one of the reasons she has temporarily foreclosed the US tour for the European.

The lesser lights have their encouragement as well. There is no cut and the top 20 finishers are guaranteed a place in the field next year.

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ENGLAND, who have for years regularly reached the mainplay stages of the European boys' team championship, need to pull out all the stops at Comby today to make sure they preserve their interest in the event (Chris Smart writes).

With five of the six scores counting in the first qualifying

round they ended up on 386.26 over par, so finished with a 74, albeit their joint-lowest return of the day.

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England bans to be lifted after October 1

## Gatting's South Africa tour party reprieved

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

AMNESTY was declared on the last vestiges of South African isolation yesterday when the five-year suspensions imposed on Mike Gatting's unsanctioned tour party were cut by half. A unanimous vote at the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) cleared the way for the banned 16 to play for England again as from October 1 this year.

Globally, cricket could find no reason to prolong a suspension considered, by some, to be at odds with South Africa's regained acceptance. Within the English game, however, reaction to the reprieve will be mixed and there will be players who openly resent the return of men who received up to £200,000 as an inducement to desert the national team.

Announcing the decision, Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the ICC, explained: "It was felt this was part of the whole conciliatory move forward. The quicker it was done the better." The debate, Sir Colins said, lasted about 20 minutes and the motion, proposed by New Zealand and seconded by Australia, was passed without opposition.

Gatting's response to the

news was subdued, although he did concede: "Obviously, I am happy I will be available for selection by England again." He said he still has no regrets about the decision he took, during the summer of 1989, to join the tour as captain, and he claims to be unaware of hostility among his fellow professionals.

"I honestly don't know if that is the case," he said. "I haven't been going around talking to people about it." Of his infamous quote, before the subsequently abandoned tour, that he "did not know much

about apartheid", he said: "I have been there now and I understand a lot more."

At 35 years of age, Gatting is in the most prolific county form of his career. He has made five centuries for Middlesex already this summer, heads the national averages and would be an automatic choice for the Test team if he was available now.

The circumstances of his self-imposed exile, however, may yet lead to caution when the selectors consider the new situation. Embittered, irrationally in my view, by his treatment from on high, Gatting took the South African money through disillusionment above all else.

He was never able to understand that, in 1988, the England captaincy was not taken away for his alleged late-night liaison with a barmaid but because this was the straw that broke a remarkably unbending camel's back.

In many eyes, mine included, he had surrendered the right to lead by his behaviour in Pakistan, late in 1987. He received loyalty and leniency then, and it was for that reason, rather than the dubious nocturnal high jinks,

that Ossie Wheatley, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board's cricket committee, vetoed his return as captain in 1989.

The idea that he might now be considered to captain England, when Graham Gooch finally stands down, can be taken seriously only by those with short memories. But his return as a player, probably for the winter tour to India, is an ability alone, inevitable. Whether Ted Dexter and his fellow selectors will take other matters, such as loyalty and player sensitivity into account remains to be seen.

This time last year, when South Africa were formally readmitted, Dexter expressed himself relieved that the bans remained in place. "Team spirit is a prime consideration," he said. "If we felt there was a danger of upsetting it, we might have to think most carefully about reintroducing a reprieved player, even if his form merited it."

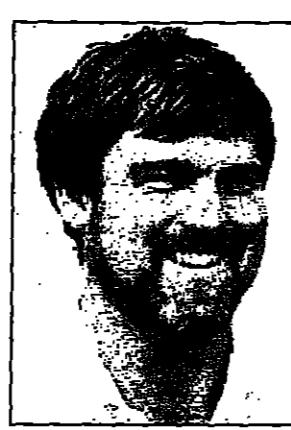
Yesterday, Tim Curtis, chairman of the Cricketers' Association, underlined this suspicion when he said: "I still believe that most players in England are against the lifting of the ban."

Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain who went on the tour, said: "I thought that the ban was going to be the full five years so this has been a bonus. I think we are all pleased that this ban has finally been lifted. I still haven't given up hope of playing for England again. Most people have a chance of making the England side if they score enough runs."

With the rest of the cricket world ambivalent to England's domestic concerns and anxious to extend ever further the olive branch to South Africa, remission was always going to come.

Perhaps, however, the Englands' brief, from the TCCB, should not have been to so actively encourage the ending of the bans but to make at least a mild stand to reflect the concerns of the playing majority. Next April would have been a more appropriate moment for release.

Now that the end is in sight, however, England's selection options for the winter have undeniably been improved, with at least six of the banned 16 coming seriously into consideration.



Gatting: prolific form

## Graveney expresses surprise

BY PETER BALL

THE decision to lift the ban on the 16 players did not receive unequivocal approval. Even David Graveney, their tour manager, reacting with surprise to the news that the players would be available again for England from this winter.

"I think the ban should have been lifted and I hoped it would be for the sake of the younger players, although I respect the views of those who disagree," Graveney said. "But my gut feeling was that the time to lift it was next April rather than earlier."

"They are small points perhaps, but if it had been maintained until April, it would have been for three years, the same length as those who went on the previous tour. It would then have been for a home series initially rather than a tour, which could create some problems. And the situation in South Africa is still not as clear as it might be, so it

might have been better to have waited."

"But I do think it is right to lift the ban. With everyone now playing against South Africa the situation had moved on, and it became obsolete. And it was right that the decision should be taken by the ICC so that the West Indies and India and Pakistan, the countries where it is so sensitive politically, should make the decision."

Graveney is also aware that opinion within the Cricketers' Association and the county dressing-rooms was divided.

"I can understand the selectors wanting to have everyone available to them," he said. "but I can also understand the feelings of the players who are supported the ban on political grounds, and it is obvious and quite natural that those in the team should feel that the players who put England first should be protected."

"The selectors have a diffi-

cult task, and I think it would be wrong to assume that the players will just walk back in. I would expect, and hope, that those in possession will keep their places until they do something wrong. It is fantastic for the guys involved and I expect they will knock down even more now and put forward irresistible cases for selection."

Gatting, who is averaging over 100, is doing that, and Graveney, ironically, will see his tour captain at first hand at Uxbridge today. But if Gatting is the most obvious candidate, Graveney is sure others too will make a strong case. "The potential of the middle order batting is astonishing," he said. "Not just Gatt, but Matthew Maynard and Alan Wells are both heavy run scorers."

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## PLAYERS' ENGLAND PROSPECTS

Mike Gatting (tour captain): aged 35, 68 Tests. A certainly on form, though surely not as captain.

David Graveney (tour manager) — aged 39, no Tests. No chance, close to retirement.

John Emburey: aged 39, 60 Tests. Probably too old but still the cannibal spin bowler around.

Chris Cowdrey: aged 34, six Tests. No chance, in semi-retirement with Glamorgan.

Bill Athey: aged 34, 23 Tests. A long queue ahead of him.

Tim Robinson: aged 33, 29 Tests. Has had Test limitations exposed.

Chris Broad: aged 34, 25 Tests. Good chance, would have played in past 12 months.

Kim Barnett: aged 31, four Tests. No real prospects.

Matthew Maynard: aged 26, one Test. Age and ability still on his side.

Alan Wells: aged 30, no Tests. Good record, outsider for a winter tour place.

Bruce French: aged 32, 16 Tests. Several ahead of him.

Richard Ellison: aged 32, 11 Tests. Struggles with fitness, no prospects.

Paul Jarvis: aged 27, six Tests. Injury-prone but a quality fast bowler.

Greg Thomas: aged 31, five Tests. Retired.

Nell Foster: aged 30, 28 Tests. The best seam bowler in England but suspect knees.

Graham Dilley: aged 33, 41 Tests. Past his best and seldom fully fit.

## Backley up against javelin with an inside kick

BY DAVID POWELL  
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS with some relief that Steve Backley learned last August that rough-edged javelins were to be banned. The assumption was that, since allowable models were travelling less than 90 metres, dropping to earth a safe distance from spectators, and that smooth javelins provided for fair play among competitors, there would be no need to change specifications for years to come.

"There has been so much faffing about that records have been devalued," Backley said before the International Amateur Athletic Federation

(IAAF) announced the ban. Specifications had been changed, and world record lists rewritten, too often for Backley's liking. It was time the event settled down, the European and Commonwealth champion insisted. "The longer records stand, the better they are," Backley said.

But how much longer before a further look at spear specifications is needed, either for safety's sake or in the interests of fair play, or both? Jan Zelezny's world record throw of 94.74 metres in Oslo last Saturday is five metres more than the farthest achieved with a smooth javelin when the latest parameters for manufacturers were

set. Backley's first move, once the Olympic Games are over next month, will be, he said yesterday, to "give the new Nemeth a whizz." He wants his world record back.

The new Nemeth 2000 is the model which Zelezny used in Oslo to throw not just once over 90 metres but four times. Smooth on the outside but, it is suggested, packing a punch on the inside. "If you can't play around with the outside then inside is the next place you will go," John Trower, Backley's coach, said. "If a world record has been set you are not going to cut up the javelin, so the only way to check them now is to x-ray them."

The way the new Nemeth travelled through the early part of its journey in Oslo aroused curiosity in the Backley camp. Usually a javelin vibrates upon release from the thrower's arm but not this one. "Miklos [Nemeth] has come up with a javelin that does not vibrate," Backley said. "As far as we can see that is the reason it is better. I don't know how he has done that but it is apparently something inside the javelin which has a dampening effect on vibration."

In the TSB grand prix at Crystal Palace tomorrow, Backley is likely to concentrate on a model he can use in the Olympics "unless there is

one [a Nemeth 2000] there on the night that seems to be good." But the Nemeth is not on the approved list of javelins for Barcelona because it was developed too late for consideration.

When Backley does turn his arm to it, Trower is convinced he can at least match Zelezny's world record. The IAAF could soon be back to square one, rewriting specifications. "It is surprising Zelezny has showed it up so far so fast," Al Guy, of the IAAF technical committee, said. "We have obviously underestimated the potential of the Nemeth development. But a considerable element of danger has been removed

because it is coming into land point-first and was not a fact with the old aerodynamic javelin which tended to slide forward."

One complaint against the rough-edged javelin was its inconsistency. "There is an element of luck involved," Backley said at the height of that controversy.

"But worse may follow. Guy said that new specifications "would become very urgent at 103 metres". And the solution? "The next move would seem to be one of increasing the weight by 100 or 200 grams," Guy said. Trower objects on the ground that it will place too much stress on the thrower's body.



Master blaster: Langer plays out of a bunker at the 12th on his way to a first-round 62 at Gleneagles

## Langer returns to equal record

BY MITCHELL PLATTIS,  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

BERNHARD Langer yesterday took control of the Bell's Scottish Open when he equalled the record score for the King's Course at Gleneagles with a first round of 62, eight under par.

"If I played 40 tournaments a year, as I once did, then my heart would not be in it. So I'll play only 15 to 18."

In fact Langer will be only 35 next month. Even so, he would appear to be heading towards semi-retirement. "Seve has been telling me for ten years now that I play too much," Langer said. "I'm finally taking his advice. Any way I don't think I should grind like I once did. There are other things in life, like spending more time with my family."

Langer refutes the theory that his sharpness will be

blunted by playing less. He insists that his swing is so well grooved — "I've swung the club several million times in my career" — that he no longer needs to spend as much time on the practice range.

There was an abundance of evidence to support his case. He drove superbly, struck the majority of his iron shots with his usual authority and punted consistently.

Langer did hit a poor shot with a three-iron at the 11th, for which he was punished. The ball finished in a bunker, from which he failed to get up and down. He more than made amends with three birdies in succession from the 13th, twice holing putts of 15 feet, and another at the 18th.

In simple terms, Langer says he will go on playing as long as his health is good, is

enjoying the game and he is successful. In reality, he is still chasing a dream. Langer won the Masters in 1985, but he is determined to win the Open, in which he has twice finished runner-up.

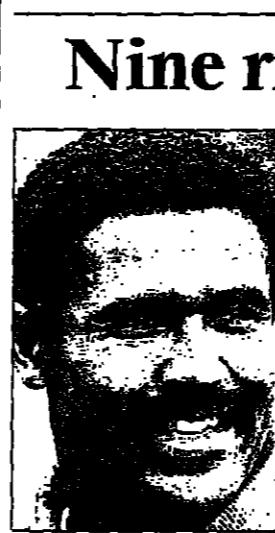
If he wins the £10,000 first prize, he will not arrive at Muirfield short of confidence. He also points out that his desire has not been impaired by his decision to reduce drastically his schedule.

"When I do tee up then I give 100 per cent," he said.

Langer, in second place, is hoping to qualify for the Open by being one of the five non-exempt players in the top 25 at this event. He might well set his sights higher, following a 64 in which he felt he drove the ball better than at any time this year.

Montgomery admitted he was tense as he set off 8am. He lacked rhythm, hit putts short and in many respects did well to par each of the first eight holes. The Scot hit another poor putt from ten feet at the 9th, left of his intended line, but the ball went in. Thereafter he relaxed and played well, coming home in 31.

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Thompson: final bid

NINE British decathletes have been found at short notice to compete against Daley Thompson today and tomorrow in his final attempt at qualifying for the Barcelona Olympic Games (David Powell writes).

Should Thompson succeed in scoring 7,850 points or more at Crystal Palace — 997 points fewer than his world record, which still stands from 1984 — Tessa Sanderson and he would share the honour of becoming the first British athletes to compete in five Olympics.

Among the decathletes who have volunteered is Greg Richards, one of Thompson's main training partners throughout a career which has embraced Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth gold medals. But Thompson's nearest challenger is likely to be Eric Hollingsworth, who set a personal best of 7,638 points this season.

The South of England Athletic Association, which is hosting the decathlon, has found enough officials at short notice. Frank Dick, Thompson's adviser and Britain's national coach, said it was not an old pals' act effort to help Thompson, who abandoned an Olympic qualifying attempt in Norway at the weekend.

"I would not look upon this competition as anyone trying to help anyone else," Dick said. "They will be trying to cut each other's throats."

Thompson, aged 33, has not completed a decathlon for four years. Given the absence of any evidence of form in any of the ten disciplines this season, it would be a remarkable feat should Thompson achieve his goal. Fair weather over the two days will be imperative.

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## Stiffen the sinews — this is war

The Japanese are nothing less than our ruthless enemy in the business arena. So forget the wet liberal line, says Stephen Bayley: the West must drop its scruples and fight back

**T**he Japanese dominate world banking, world trade and world industry. They are richer, more powerful, more influential and less responsible than us — and yet we continue to indulge ourselves with a sense of genteel protectiveness in their favour. We are disinclined to offend the Japanese not because we are afraid of their power but because we are elegantly reluctant to embarrass them with the pain of confrontation. They take full advantage of our good manners.

Ever so slowly, however, people are beginning to realise the threat that Japan presents to the West. A remarkable and disturbing new novel by Michael Crichton articulates a profound American fear that was dormant when the Japanese were simply cute orientals who made transistor radios. Crichton's book is called *Rising Sun*; it could have been called *Yellow Peril*, a term coined in Germany this time last century to describe the scare that Japan would expand and take over the West.

To be scared of the people who provide us with the conveniences and pleasures of modern life — reliable cars, neat computers, amazing CDs, fett tips that don't leak — may seem neurotically alarmist. It is not. The Japanese have rivalised industry preoccupations with consensus, miniaturisation and quality in a protected economic environment that favours long term strategies and encourages steady improvement of products bring consumers fine machines, but bring menace too. Japan is not only a culture of rituals, but also inflexible beliefs. One of them is *business is war*.

Our culture encourages individualism, eccentric personal romances, competitive individualism is instilled in us throughout our social and professional lives. Uniquely for us, competitive individualism is not best suited to industrial production. The Japanese system, which encourages collective action, works better. No matter that the Japanese pay a terrible cost in human terms for their domination of the planet's manufacturing industries, no matter that a new generation is getting restive. Japanese companies possess knowledge about manufacturing which is beyond the reach of any Western competitor.

This knowledge breeds arrogance and impunity. When in 1987 Toshiba was found to have supplied essential components to Soviet submarines, Americans were fearful of being too censorious lest Toshiba be tempted into reprisals such as denying the US computer industry its bulk microchips. When you own the playing field the goalposts are yours to move.

We are right, then, to regard the



Japanese as a menace? Is there a Yellow Peril? There are many interesting things about contemporary Japanese business. Here are three of them:

1. The Japanese are profoundly opposed to sharing, except amongst themselves.

2. Toyota, to choose just one example, has such a huge cash mountain that its treasury activities alone can service its wage bill, its tax and social obligations. This makes mere manufacturing of motor vehicles a discretionary activity which the company can address with an attention to detail which boggles even the most advanced Europeans: three thousand engineers were dedicated to Toyota's Lexus luxury car project. At the company's test track in northern Japan there is a strip of road which is perfectly flat... except for a slight bowing, of a few centimetres at its midpoint to compensate for the curvature of the earth.

3. There is a new wave of literature from America that is hostile to Japan, just as a new wave of literature from Japan is prepared to criticise Western manners and institutions where hitherto they had been respected and emulated.

In a restaurant in The Netherlands I had a conversation with a young English engineer who was terribly proud of his position in a Japanese company. And rightly so without the help of this young engineer, his company would have been years behind in establishing the European presence they so urgently demanded. It was clear to him that he was impressed by the influence he said he had on the evolution of new product, yet there were understated reservations of disturbing dimensions. He said he felt excluded from decisions. Some to which he should have been party were made without

consultation. He was treated as a talented inferior.

The fax, currently chief symbol of Japanese dominance of world trade, played a crucial part in his isolation and humiliation. Typically, the technology is not very new, deriving from the wire-telegraphy of photographs which the big US news agencies had established by the 1930s, but its refinement is of the moment and characteristically Japanese. If soldiers believe that time spent in reconnaissance is never wasted, then Japanese businessmen have the same attitude to faxing.

When Ayrton Senna's Honda engine misses a beat, the telemetry records it and the blips on the graph are fixed straight back to Tokyo for immediate technical analysis. My engineer friend had enough authority to have sight of the Japanese — who will then use it to compete against our own companies. I feel strongly we should be protecting our intellectual resources. I feel we should be limiting

Crichton's *Rising Sun* has been a runaway best-seller in US hardback fiction this year. Crichton, author of earlier sophisticated techno-thrillers *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park*, fears that the big threat to world order is not cloned dinosaurs, but the fact that Japanese interests own the majority of the world's capital and therefore the majority of the world's politicians.

**H**is plot revolves around the sale of an American high-technology company to a huge Japanese conglomerate. At one point a Senator expresses to a detective his anxiety about selling out to the Japanese.

"MicroCon's advanced technol-

ogy was developed in part with American taxpayer money. I'm outraged that our taxpayers should pay for that technology that is being sold to the Japanese — who will then use it to compete against our own companies. I feel strongly we should be protecting our intellectual re-

sources. I feel we should be limiting foreign investment in our corporations and our universities. But I seem to be alone in this. I can't find support in the Senate or in industry. Commerce won't help me. The trade rep's worried it'll upset the rice negotiations. Rice..."

The Japanese are not above a little protectionism of their own, and there are a thousand stories about the cavalier changing of statutory details of a rear lens specification to frustrate vehicle importers. They have a way of doing business that still mystifies us. The concept of *nemawashi* means approximately "root binding", which is to say that everybody makes up their mind about what they want to achieve and have agreed on it before any discussions begin. In fact, the Japanese tend to regard it as sloppy and wasteful for work actually to be done in meetings. Rather, they prefer to have a lot of pre-argument (usually in their own language) and get it sorted out beforehand. Indeed, any hint of contradiction or contrariness is taken as evidence of the undisciplined, even barbarian, nature of

the Western psyche: the Japanese have a loathing for confrontation.

Knopf rushed publication of *Rising Sun* earlier this year to take advantage of publicity from President Bush's embarrassing trade delegation to Japan. America's mood, so brilliantly captured by Crichton, is not a momentary refocusing of national paranoia after the Soviet Union ceased to be a conveniently diabolical adversary to demonise. Here with America and Japan there is a basis for conflict at least as real as the Cold War. It is fertile ground: Crichton powerfully revives the American loathing of Japan, a loathing which was disguised after 1945 when the vanquished Japanese were allowed to get out of their Pearl Harbor uniforms and assume the less threatening role of being docile, short-sighted, industrious imitators. But Japan fought back with Sony, Honda, Toyota and Canon.

Some in the West want retaliation. Lester C. Thurow, Dean of the Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has recently published *Head to Head: Coming Economic Battles Among Japan, Europe and America*. Thurow predicts a future pattern of trade which will be increasingly adversarial as Western manufacturers struggle to retain expertise while Japanese walk it with global market share. In the key industries which dominate the world economy confrontation is going to be necessary for survival.

Maybe the last advantage left to us is a taste for the confrontation that the Japanese so loathe, but politicians, greedy for the short-term benefits of cash investment, do not understand the issue: in the war of business the Japanese own all the weapons... and so do you and I. The green rollerball pen is a symbol of defeat. Yes, there is something menacing about it.

### TOMORROW

Art: Richard Cork on Wyndham Lewis at the Imperial War Museum

## Uneasy lies the head of the household

**H**ow far has the sexual revolution come? This far: today I write as a man emasculated for I have divested myself of the headship of my household, a responsibility I would have rather enjoyed had I thought of the idea before British Telecom did.

Yesterday a woman phoned up and said she was doing market research on behalf of BT and did I please have 15 minutes to answer a few simple questions in complete confidentiality which would help BT improve its customer service. Long pause. Well did I or didn't I, then? I apologised: she had read her introductory script with such toneless precision that I had honestly thought that she was a tape recorder. The pause, I explained, was my waiting to be told which button to press on my BT digital telephone if I wanted to go ahead. No, she said, the entirely unintended insult missing her by miles. She was not a tape recorder. She was a market researcher employed on behalf of BT and did I please have 15 minutes to answer a few simple questions in complete confidentiality...

I don't know whether an uninvited, unnoticed insult counts as such, but I was remorseful enough to give her the 15 minutes she

seemed to need. She spent the time asking me how, on a scale from one to ten with one being the very worst and ten being the very greatest, I would compare BT to Boots the Chemist and I said that BT weren't too hot or Lemsip but then again the Boots telecommunications facilities were limited to Toilet Requirements ringing up Gents Shaving Supplies to ask whether they had ten quid worth of fives because Debbie on Photographic had taken all theirs.

There was a long pause as if her question and my fatuous answer simply hadn't happened and then she repeated the question. Word for word. How on a scale from one to ten, with one being the very worst and ten being the very best would I compare BT to Boots the Chemist. I thought of some arbitrary numbers between one and ten. We played the same game with McDonald's and BT and Tesco and BT and she asked about the number of lines I had and whether I had phoned abroad not more than ten times nor less than six times in the past 48 hours and at the end of all this banterless exchange she asked who, taking all members of my household into consideration, was the best?

A number of images floated into view. There was me as Arab sheik

tuppence over this week and this despite her having inexplicably run out of beef dripping on Thursday. There was the same wife, now housecleaned and curled up, on the doormat explaining to a political canvasser that it was me who dealt with that sort of thing and so, no, she didn't know how she'd be voting this year and then turning to cow the screaming children with a blunt "just wait till your father gets home".

All this imagining took some time, and so she started asking the question again. Taking my whole household into consideration, which member of it was the head? I said, yes, I'd understood the words, but I didn't as it were, understand the question. She repeated it again, patient and tape-recorder-like as ever, with some hints this time. Was it me, or was it my husband, wife or partner? It wasn't, I knew, a husband or wife because we don't have any of those in our house. Was it my partner? I tried to construct, in my head, the conversation which started "Darling as head of the household I've decided to..." and couldn't decide whether the response would be snarling righteousness or hysterical laughter.

How did she define head? I mean, we're no more or less democratic about these things than

the next unmarried, childless couple and if pushed we'd both admit that the general apportionment of car repairs and shelf-pulling-up to lunch-cooking and paint-colour-choosing falls into the stereotypical norms, but we've not just got round to electing a head yet.

And as I came to think of it, nor had anybody I know. The sexual revolution might not have got round to doing anything about nursery schools or equal pay or the sad, silly blusterers in their Garrick Club ties, but in my small corner of the demography it seems to have done for heads of households. The old sitcom stuff about her indoors wearing the trousers doesn't make sense any more outside bad sitcoms and market researchers' handbooks.

If pushed by BT I suppose many of those households would describe themselves, by default, as being headed by the man, but that's only because the question is so old-fashioned that it deserves an old-fashioned answer. But even if there are men who, by dint of income, age, possession of car-keys and knowledge of where the gas stopcock is to be found, secretly consider themselves the king of their castle, how many of them would voice the thought out loud?

### PRIVATE LIFE

**John Diamond is stumped by an unexpected question**



sending a couple of duff wives back to quality control with a stiff letter of complaint. There was me cardigan and slippers, sitting in the comfit of two fireside armchairs, the one with "Father" embroidered in neat cross stitch on the antimacassar, sucking sternly on my pipe as my wretched, penitent wife stood paring over the Co-op receipts to find some explanation for the housekeeping being

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**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Caribbean prodigy Robert Wilson makes his directorial debut with the National following the British premiere of his stunning six-hour show, *The Dragons' Trilogy*, at the Royal Opera last November. He directs Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in its first production of what is to be staged at the National. Jeffrey Kroson plays Oberon, Sally Dexter is Titania and Timothy Spall will play Bottom. Opening night, Olivier Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 107-128-2221, 7pm.

**BLACKPOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL** A mixed bag of big names should make this first festival event to remember. Headliners include Eartha Kitt (July 17, 18), in her sepias, the sure-voiced Nina Simone (July 19) and blues great B.B. King (July 14). The festival starts tonight with the Ronnie Scott Band and the Trevor Wainwright (8pm). Bands include Wings, Horace Complete, Blackpool (0253 27785), tonight 22.

**THE NEW DESIGNERS:** Around this time of year, as all the art schools put on their graduation shows, we hear a lot about the new painters and sculptors banging on the doors of the art world. This year there are probably just as many graduates disgruntled, being unleashed on industry or setting up their own craft businesses. These four-day fairs bring together more than 1000 graduates, from more than 50 design colleges, and includes new glass, ceramics, metalwork, tableware,

**DEATH AND THE MAIDENS** And Dorrian's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge: Geraldine James, Michael Byrne and Pauline McLynn. *Death and the Duke* of York's St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat. Thurs, 3pm Sat, 4pm, 10.30pm.

**DEJAUVU:** Jimmy Porter 36 years on. Osborne's hero rants and whinges but in a vacuum, and Peter Egan seems to have come up with the character of a man.

**COMEDY:** *Penton Street*, SW1 (071-867 1065). Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm Sat, 4pm, 17.00hrs.

**THE DYBBUK:** Julia Posca's ground-breaking new version of the famous Yiddish drama, transposed to a ghostly 1940s. New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, mats Sun, 4pm, 8.00pm.

**A JUDGEMENT IN STONE:** Sheila Hancock leads a powerful cast in intense musical drama based on Ruth Rendell's novel of the same name. It's a very nice, middle-class family.

**LYRIC HAMMERSMITH:** King Street, WC1 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat. Sun, 4pm, 15.30ms. Final week.

**THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III:** Nigel Hawthorne stars as the mad king as the countrymen in Alan Bennett's intriguing, slightly gaudy play.

**National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 107-128 2252. Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 1.15pm.**

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Ian Talbot's jolly production, full of riotous fun, is a must for summer comedy. Circulate London plays Bottom. Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-485 2431). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats today, 2.30pm, 15.30ms.

**PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME!** A affectionate comedy of an Irish man and his son's losing star ego. Excellent revival of Brian Friel's first success.

**King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sun, 3.30pm, 12.00hrs.**

**NEW RELEASES**

**THE BEST INTENTIONS:** (12) Ingmar Bergman's fascinating tale of his parents' turbulent courtship and marriage. Full direction by Bill August; excellent performances (Pernilla August, Lars Vilkinus). Galleria (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-536 1231).

**THE BUTCHERS WIFE:** (12) An whiny about a New York butcher's clavycravvy wife (Demi Moore), partly salvaged by bright lines and a general cast. Jeff Daniels, Mary Steenbergen, Dennis Hopper, John Goodman. MGM/Film Roman (071-370 2636).

**MGM/Torino Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM/Trocadero (071-434 0031).**

**CASABLANCA:** (10) The 50th anniversary release of the cult favourite, bittersweet, witty and warm exotic atmosphere. Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, director, Michael Curtiz. Empire (071-497 9999).

**THE INNER CIRCLE:** (13) Muddled adventures of Stalin's film projectors, who are plotting to assassinate him. Directed by Russian Andrei Konchalovsky; Tom Huie, Lida Davidovich. Odeon Haymarket (071-915359).

**THE RAFTERS:** (18). Deafened woman (Muriel Roger) record her life's experiences in a series of visual sketches, written and directed by Michael Tolkin. MGM/Film Roman (071-370 2636).

**WINTER:** (13) A tale of love and loss. Directed by Frenchman. Tom Hulce, Linda Davidovich. Odeon Haymarket (071-915359).

**MARIE ANTOINETTE:** (13) A tale of love and loss. Directed by Frenchman. Tom Hulce, Linda Davidovich. Odeon Haymarket (071-915359).

**SLEEPWALKERS:** (18) Absurd, bumbled horror movie written by Stephen King. Brian Krause as a replacement hunk's clothing, Maiden Asperger's imperiled girl, Director, Mick Garris. MGM/Columbia (071-636 0310).

**Odeon/Kensington (071-9145665)**

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**BASIC INSTINCT:** (18) San Francisco detective Michael Douglas and ice-pick murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a

## TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

graphics, lighting and animation. Useful for the general public to get an overview, as well as for those more involved in the industry.

**ROYAL BALLET:** The company performs Frederick Ashton's inherently English comic ballet, *Le Roi malade*, featuring the company's finest dancers. Sadler's Wells, 32 Upper Street, London NW1 (071-359 3051). Today, 10am-8pm; Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sun, 10am-4pm.

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE:** Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1065). Sunday, Sat, 7.30pm.

**ORCHESTRA VIRGINIA:** An evening of African music, featuring the East African big band mother Bengal. Soukous, umba and the voice of Samba Mapangala and Syana Mbenga. Jubilee Cafe, 158 Parkway, London NW1 (071-384 4356), 8.30pm.

**BIG FEATURE:** Performance artist Rose English comprises an evening of poetry.

## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

**House full, returns only**

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**POND LIFE:** Touching performances by a young cast in Richard Cameron's quiet drama of teenagers angling for copy. Gielgud, 21 St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat. Thurs, 3pm Sat, 4pm, 10.30pm.

**THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Terrible performance by Alison Steadman as a raucous Sister in Jim Cartwright's play about dreams, shyness and horrid mothers.

National (Contesse), South Bank, SE1 (071-938 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, 15.30ms.

**SCRAPPI THE PLUMBERS:** Ciaran Hinds' production of Steinbecks satire on robbery among music lovers. May performances. Greenwich Crofts Hill, SE10 (081-773 8599), Sun, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, 15.30ms.

**SDR DEGREES OF SEPARATION:** Standard Channing increases her role as the rich New Yorker transported by a black, con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence.

Almeida, 100 Hackney Road, EC1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat. Thurs, 3pm Sat, 4pm, 10.30ms.

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC:** Nuns, Nazis, squeaky-clean tots and drops of golden sun: a sweet holiday from the

ive music and dance to raise money for AIDS research. Topping the bill will be Lea Anderson's all-male dance group,

The Featherstonehaughes, performing the 1951 piece, *Big Feature*.

Aladdin, 100 Hackney Road, EC1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

**LA TRAVIATA:** Blackheath Opera gives the second of four performances of Verdi's opera under the direction of Steve Dowd. The cast includes Heather Lawrence, Christopher Edge, Roger Barber, Warwick Dyer, Gordon Quinn and Tim Castley, with a full orchestra.

Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, London E8 (081-865 2424), 8pm.

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## CINEMA

# Gotham City sinks deep into gloom

**Geoff Brown reviews *Batman Returns*, Almodóvar's *Pepi, Laci, Bom...*, Big Wednesday and other new releases**

The title grade, *Batman Returns* (Rippon, £12). But can you locate him in the movie? Since Tim Burton's much-praised sequel uses the same basic scheme as its 1989 predecessor (black, grey and black again), every citizen of Gotham City hides in designer gloom.

The gloom is crowded, too. Michael Keaton's caped crusader fights for screen space with monstrous architecture, shuffling penguins, cartwheeling clowns, skeletons on bikes, flying umbrellas, customised boomerangs and grappling hooks, not to mention rival actors shooting their heads off. All this frenzy comes synchronised with a bulging Danny Elfman score compounded from surging strings, a heavenly chorus and imitation Shostakovich.

Armed with a script from Daniel Waters, the mischievous scriptwriter of *Heathers*, Burton strives to spot-light the personal touches of his extravaganza. The film is still top-heavy, even tedious, yet he succeeds more than in *Batman*. Rumbling through the disjointed plot comes talk of masks, of split personalities. "You have kind of a dark side, don't you?" Batman, no mean broader himself, asks Michelle Pfeiffer's electrifying Catwoman, a down-trodden secretary turned feral avenger and a demon with a bullwhip.

A visual feast, the film fails to top its predecessor. This Gotham City, redesigned by Bo Welch, still follows the pattern of the extraordinary environment created for *Batman* by the late Anton Furst: decaying towers of garbled architecture (imagine Nazified Art Deco), an imprisoning city of perpetual night. We have been here before, and the spell is fading.

So there it is, this summer's blockbuster: \$55 million worth of technical wizardry, cartoon characters and bedlam dressed in black. Tim Burton's special gifts are obvi-

ously but there is something so numbing about this gargantuan production that it makes you pant for a nice little film about two men and a dog.

Instead, we get *Pepi, Laci, Bom...* (Metro), a scurrilous tale of three Madrid women, luridly dressed in pink lime and raspberry, who indulge in marijuana, punk rock, sado-masochism, police-bashing and knitting. The director is Pedro Almodóvar, though this dished-up, no-budget jape hails from the late 1970s, when the maestro of *Women On The Verge Of A Nervous Breakdown* was still a telephone clerk by day and an anarchist sprite by night.

Almodóvar made this early fling when Spain was still basking in post-Franco euphoria and the guiding motto of the three ladies is a teenaged punk rocker, a mousy housewife and a high-spirited heiress (played by Carmen Maura) — is

"Anything goes". Almodóvar follows suit, flinging the action at the audience with scant regard for film-making niceties.

But he catches what he wanted to catch: the spirit of the times, the anarchy of youth, the slings and arrows of desire. For the unconverted, *Pepi, Laci, Bom...* cannot be recommended, but Almodóvar's camp followers should be amused.

**W**hen *Batman Returns* opened in the United States last month, no other major Hollywood production dared raise its head. Britain follows suit, and only offers the impoverished *Stepkids* (Odeon Mezzanine, PG). This dismal comedy starts with a potentially fruitful theme: the problems of growing up inside a distorted family. But a trite script, largely dull cast and cheap production values nip all hope in the bud.

Hillary Wolf grates on the nerves as the smart-alec heroine who stows away in her stepbrother's truck and gets the entire family tree on her trail in a boringly pretty lake resort which the camera, at least, never tires of. Adrienne Shelly, wacky heroine of *Hillbilly* movies, pops up as the pregnant new girlfriend of the runaway's father, one of the film's more believable characters, though she is still wasting her time. The hapless director is Joan Micklin Silver, who began brightly with *Hester Street* 17 years ago, but stumbled soon after. This is her most mundane film yet.

The re-release of *Big Wednesday* (Prince Charles, PG) revives memories of another director who went haywire: John Milosch, champion of many cinema. In retrospect, this 1978 hymn to surfing camaraderie appears pivotal. Behind him lay *The Wind and the Lion*, a captivating period adventure; ahead lay the cartoon wasteland of *Conan the Barbarian*.

But there is not enough to warrant a revival: this is just a portentous tale of sun-bleached chums, passing through hot summers, marriages, bouts with the bottle and Vietnam.

Milosch worships them blindly, from the guru who "knew where the waves come from and why" to the central trio of Jan-Michael Vincent, William Katt and Gary Busey. Audiences will be far less indulgent. Finally, the Rio Cinema (103 Kingsland High Street, London E8) waves the flag on Sunday afternoon, showing British independent shorts alongside John Cassavetes's *Shadows*. Paul Bush's quizzical *Forgetting* and Peter Todd's stark munitracy, *Out*, were made on budgets that would not keep Danny DeVito in throat lozenges, yet they hold the screen with aplomb. Throw them a carrot, somebody, though not perhaps \$55 million.

**DANCE: John Percival on the Australian Ballet's *Coppélia* at the Coliseum**

## Brought to life by adroit invention

**T**he Australian Ballet's *Coppélia* takes a strong and individual view of Dr Coppélius, pushing the character nearer to his often remote Hoffmannesque inspiration. As played by Colin Peasey at the opening performance of the company's season on Tuesday, he is a reclusive, timorous creature, but possessed of more than ordinary powers, enabling him to force Franz into paying court to his supposed daughter, and also to secure his compliance with the scheme to bring this doll to life.

We must suppose, too, from the highly active part his other dolls play in catching Franz either that he really has some magic powers over them or that he has cleverly programmed their mechanism for such a contingency. Either way it makes the scene more animated than usual, confirming the exceptional liveliness of the first act. The townspeople all have their parts to play in the action, including a newcomer to the cast list, a smug priest (precisely played by Stephen Baynes) who even leads the slow beginning of the Czardas with the benign local schoolmistress (Suzan Elston). These adroit inventions,



Well-matched: Miranda Coney and David McAllister

presumably introduced by the stage and film director George Ogilvie, who collaborated on the production with Peggy van Praagh, are so well worked out that the production's two weak points are all the more surprising.

The dramatical weakness is leaving Dr Coppelin out of Act III altogether — I had hoped this team might have found a good solution to the perennial problem of what his attitude should be there.

In its performances, too, the evening was a success for the company and for the London Gala Orchestra conducted by Ormsby Wilkins. The leading couple, Miranda Coney and David McAllister, have both been promoted to principal ranking since their last London season four years ago.

They prove well matched in the ebullient spirit they bring to their dancing and in the lively manner of their acting, direct but full of brio.

The supporting roles maintained an energy and exhilaration to match, all through the ranks, and note that Mairi Gielgud's casting policy will show three more Swandillas and four more Franzes in London.

## THEATRE

## Food of love served with too little spice

**A**t the end of the play the recognition scene works its deathless magic. The gasps of delight from the audience show that, for those new or newish to the play, Michael Pennington's production for the English Shakespeare Company has provided the thrills of suspense and satisfied hopes. But in many areas this is an unsurprising, unexciting reading of the play.

Jenny Quayle's shock-haired Viola is trimly dressed in a grey suit with sparkling waistcoat. The stages of her heart for Orsino are well-paced. We feel the increasing depth of her passion through the catches in her voice, her thoughtful glances and the final turning of her head away from the object of desire.

Why she should desire Michael Mueller's rough Orsino is hard to fathom. Far more than Malvolio he is sick of self-love. Colin Farrell's Feste soaks his "sad, Cypress" song to a squeezebox, showing he knows his gloom is way over the top, but Orsino sits there soaking it up. Yet the interpretation lacks subtlety and for a

man said to be appreciative of music, there is little tonal variety in his voice.

As the Countess Olivia, Allie Byrne speaks well enough, but lacks gravity when she is mourning or coping with her household, and becomes oddly gawky when in love. If the character's inexperience of love is to be emphasised, it should be achieved more gracefully than this.

Timothy Davies gives a stern, unbending Malvolio of sufficient interest and worth to become, in default of competition, the play's moral centre. Davies, tall and sunken-cheeked, plays him like a frustrated young Hitler, but so unattractive are his enemies in Olivia's household, and so uncertain is Illyria's future under Orsino, that Malvolio seems to offer a tempting solution to the state's distress. It is an odd *Twelfth Night* that leaves you feeling this.

**JEREMY KINGSTON**

I have mentioned before the fashion for television documentaries narrated by the famous. There is a parallel fashion: for television documentaries narrated by no one. The latter device works only if the subject of the programme is clearly delineated and the editing keeps it on the straight and narrow. Otherwise, it can fail.

Last night, in the first of a series called *States of Mind* (BBC 2), the device failed. I am not sure the programme would have worked even with a narrator, but at least narration could have provided a few facts to weigh in the balance. Instead we had (mostly) unidentified people expressing imprecise fears.

The idea of the series is good enough: to go to the United States and reflect its present state of mind through the eyes and ears of people in half a dozen localities. Milwaukee was a promising starting point, the Midwestern town being engrossed in the time of filming in the trial of the mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer, who — as we were constantly reminded — looked every inch as if he were an ordinary citizen. He looked like somebody's neighbour! Good heavens, he was somebody's neighbour! In fact just about the only fault that could be found with Dahmer was that he killed people and left parts of their bodies in his refrigerator. Albeit carefully wrapped.

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## TELEVISION REVIEW

## What's the matter with Milwaukee?

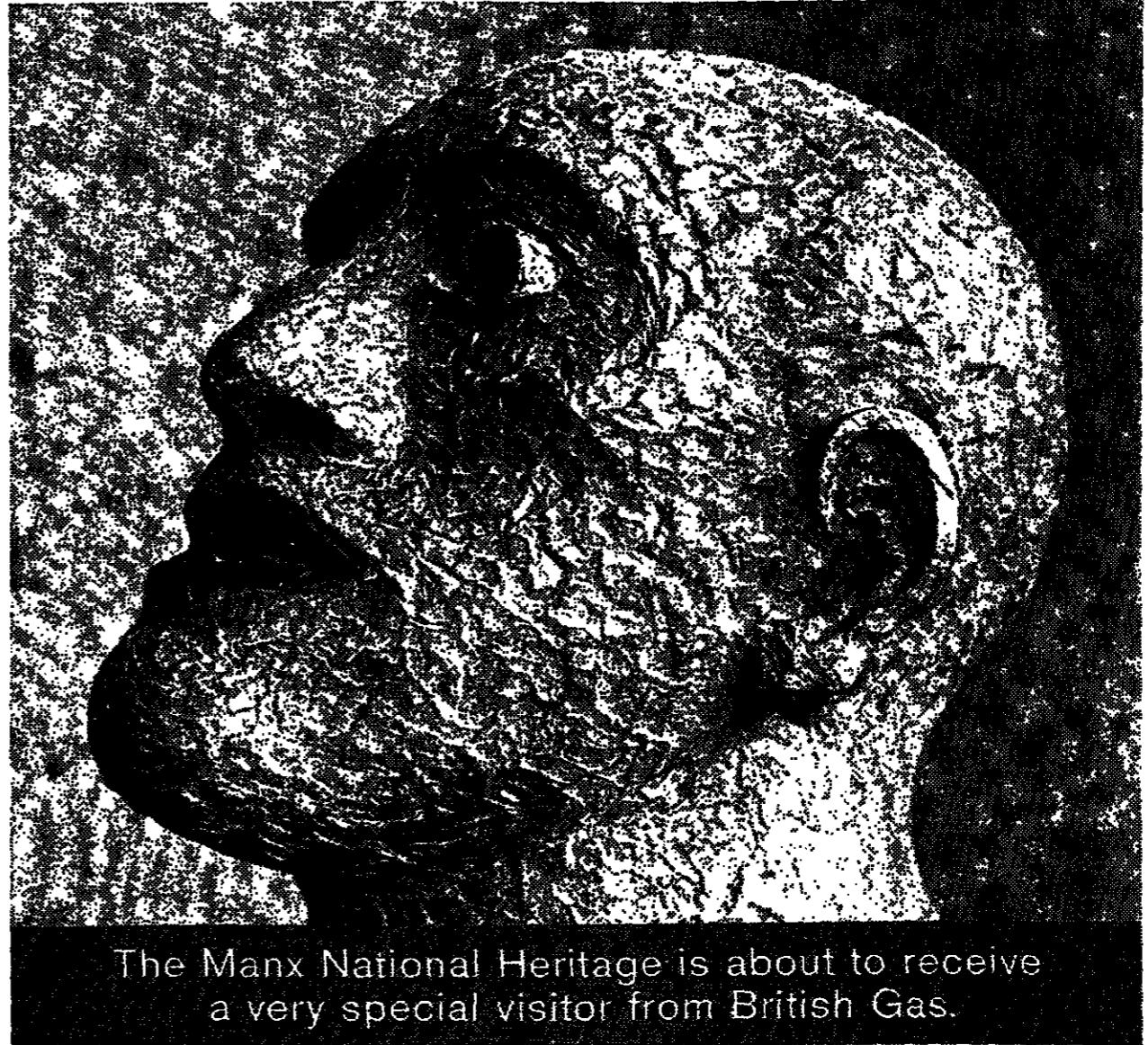
This *cause célèbre* turned Milwaukee in on itself. But looking inward is not the same as having insight. The white collar workers of the Milwaukee suburbs, also known as the middle classes, could hardly stop thinking about Jeffrey Dahmer. It was much the same in Hungerford after the massacre and in Yorkshire after the Ripper was caught. Nothing had changed except that a nut had come unscrathed, yet people can never leave it at that. The urge to turn a disaster into a crisis is buried in a shallow psychic

burrow and it is easily teased out with a microphone.

Whatever is wrong with Milwaukee has nothing to do with Dahmer, yet the programme kept coming back to him. Until Dahmer, nobody cared about Milwaukee, though they should have, for the city has a history of racial prejudices, which is otherwise less common, or better hidden, in the Midwest than elsewhere. We got little of this, except to watch the whites complaining about a school educational play called *The Wizard of Oz* and the blacks being taught how to clean syringes.

So we learned that Milwaukee has a few problems: crime, drugs, promiscuity. So does Wolverhampton. If that was the answer, the question must have been wrong.

**PETER BARNARD**



The Manx National Heritage is about to receive a very special visitor from British Gas.

The Visitor Centre in the shape of a bronze sculpture, by Dame Elizabeth Frink RA, which has been awarded to the Manx National Heritage as first prize in the prestigious National Heritage Museum of the Year Award. Sponsored by British Gas, the Award, together with a cheque for £2,000 was given to the Manx National Heritage for its innovative policy of combining all the Isle of Man's network of museums, heritage centres, ancient monuments and Manx National Trust properties under a single authority. The result is a 227 square mile 'Great Manx Museum'.

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**JEREMY KINGSTON**

# Planting the seeds of an entente florale

Among France's *villages fleuris* Autretot, population 620, is a star. Robin Young visits the masters of beds and borders



In the Norman village of Autretot, atop the clay-capped plateau of the Pays de Caux, Sunday, July 19, is judgement day.

Representatives from the Comité National pour le Fleuriissement de la France will be touring the village's lanes and minutely inspecting the cottage gardens to decide whether Autretot can keep its four-flower rating as one of the most floriferous places in France.

Autretot, an otherwise unexceptional village astride the D131 where it crosses from the verdant Durdent valley toward Yvetot and Caudebec on the Seine, has a population of 620 and a climate, on its exposed hilltop, that might be thought discouraging for horticulture.

Yet it ranks alongside large and fashionable resorts such as Le Touquet, Cannes, Nice and Menton with its four-flower rating, the highest awarded. In 1987 Autretot was chosen to represent France in the international competition for towns and villages in abundant blossom, the Entente Florale. It won the Grand Prix d'Excellence and was awarded, as the signpost at the entrance to the village proudly announces, the supreme honour of the Lauréat International.

The blossoming of Autretot was the brainchild of one man, André Raab, formerly agriculture teacher at the Lycée of Yvetot, who is now 82 but still devotedly tending his garden tucked away down the lane leading from Autretot to Veauville-le-Baou.

The idea was one of the more inspired pieces of parish pump politics, because it was conceived while the newly retired M Raab was discussing with Charles Duchesne, the premier adjoint, or deputy mayor, what should be done to tidy up the site of the derelict village pump. The two men agreed that it should be cleared to make a lawn and a plantation of flowers. The pump is still there, but barely visible because it is smothered in roses.

That success set M Raab on a new career. He called on the farmers to clear other strategic sites in the village with their farm equipment, and he started propagating bedding plants and giving them free to any of his neighbours who would plant and tend them. In 1975 the village came 13th in

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France compete annually to provide tourists with the best summer displays, and of those 500 are recognised with a panel officially announcing them as "ville" or "village fleuri".

Sixty-three others, like Autretot, have reached the top level of having four flowers on their panel, an honour which was first accorded to Autretot in 1985. Autretot is by no means the smallest to qualify. Beaulieu-en-Argonne in the Meuse département has the four-flower award and only 46 inhabitants.

Though Autretot is well-placed for British visitors pursuing a scenic route to the Seine valley from Dieppe or taking an excursion from Le Havre, some of the most astonishing bunches of "villages fleuris" are to be found in Alsace along the Route du Vin.

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At the entrance to the village the nameplate and official flower panel are appropriately garlanded in flower beds. Opposite, with its unfenced lawns and flower beds open to the pavement, is the house of Roger Petiot, a railway official who is secretary of Autretot's Comité de Fleuriissement. M Petiot's garden got a prix d'excellence last year for the brilliance of its display of petunias, geraniums and begonias visible from the public highway.

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# Benn, last of the dissenters

The radical who stood for issues against personalities found that his own personality had become the issue, argues Peter Riddell

**T**ony Benn remains, at 67, one of the most puzzling, engaging and infuriating British politicians. He is the popular demon who never fails to charm in private. His name is associated with the only 'ism' to rival Thatcherism during the 1980s. He is responsible for three major constitutional reforms: the law which allows peers to renounce their titles, the referendum over British entry to the EC, and the shift in power in the Labour party away from MPs. But he has also alienated many Labour MPs, who blame him for undermining the party in the 1980s.

There are broadly two views of Benn. The first, put most eloquently by Michael Foot in an essay in his book *Loyalists and Lovers*, is that in the 1950s and 1960s he was "an up-and-coming middle of the road Labour MP with an excellent chance of becoming prime minister". He had inherited and refined his own use of a marvellous combination of wit, persuasive power, deep radical instincts, and a zest for politics". But he changed direction after 1970: transformed is too weak. Foot says, and reincarnation might be better. He then became Citizen Benn, the self-righteous, calculating and unctuous outsider.

The second view, put forward by Jad Adams, is of Tony Benn the heroic man of the principle, dedicated to public service and pursuing his ideals of democracy, justice and human rights in face of biased attacks. Adams sees a consistent thread, arguing that "in the context of the rest of his life, his move to the left was not a sudden leap, but a natural working out of ideas".

Adams is sympathetic to both Tony Benn and Bennism. That affects his judgment of crucial events, especially during Benn's years as a minister and during his crusade in 1979-81. The Labour right (an ever-widening group in the eyes of Adams and Benn), the Tory press and the establishment are always in the wrong. Tony Benn, he acknowledges, "did want to be leader, but not at any price. He was rather more like Coriolanus than Macbeth. He would be leader

if they acquiesced in his judgment, he would not bend his principles to them". Most other politicians see that as self-righteous arrogance.

What saves the book from being mere hagiography is Adams's patient research. He may try to explain away the warts, but he does accept that they exist. The hero does make mistakes, usually when he fails to consult his wife Caroline. Adams analyses a speech he made to the Oxford Union in 1943, which, he says, "shows a style of construction which is characteristic of Benn throughout his life: first there is a statement which is not supported by any evidence, but before there is time to understand and question the statement, along comes an irrefutable truth". Benn remains indisputably a fine orator,

**TONY BENN  
A Biography**  
By Jad Adams  
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one of the most compelling in politics today.

The heart of Benn's mystery is whether, and why, he changed tack in the early 1970s. Adams makes a strong case that he has, throughout his life, been in the radical dissenting tradition he inherited from his father's Christian socialism. Even as a young MP during the 1950s he took up the classic causes of this approach, such as colonial freedom.

But, while the later glorification of the wisdom of the people and of the Labour movement as a whole has its roots in his earlier attitude, something did change around 1970. This was ostensibly in response to his experience in government, but probably also reflected changes in the party as a whole. Not only did Benn shift his views on central issues, such as nuclear power and membership of the EEC, but his relationship with fellow Labour leaders also altered. Michael Foot has bitterly regretted how Benn rejected collective responsibility among those working together, whether in the cabinet or on the party's national executive, in

favour of a wider notion of popular sovereignty. He became a "semi-detached" member of the Wilson and Callaghan cabinets, looking to history rather than to the present. This developed into his argument, from the late 1970s onwards, that the principles of the Labour movement are betrayed by those in power. The myth of betrayal that Tony Benn fostered after Labour's defeat in 1979 damaged the party for more than a decade.

One of Benn's most irritating arguments is that only policies matter, not personalities, and that most MPs and journalists are preoccupied with league tables of personal success. He is partly right, but no one who has spent so long keeping all his personal records (for an admittedly absorbing *Diary*) can be entirely acquired of personal vanity.

It is no good for Adams to argue that Tony Benn did not seek to climb the political ladder like other more compromising and compromised politicians. Nobody now at Westminster has stood so often for the shadow cabinet or for Labour's national executive. He never resigned from ministerial office (apart from an early departure as junior defence spokesman in March 1958) despite deep disagreements with the governments of the day. Like Gladstone, his ambitions may have been cloaked in principle, but Benn has been as concerned with personal advance as any MP.

A measure of Benn's awareness of self is that Adams finds it possible to see him as someone who traded practical achievement here and now for an illustrious place in the history books. This is Benn as Faustian hero in reverse — wagering wealth and power for immortality". Adams concludes that his "life resembles more a quest for martyrdom than a struggle for power". Such is his central flaw. For all his energy and affability, Benn's inability to trust his fellow politicians means that he has never really understood what politics is about.

Peter Riddell is political editor of The Times.



Tony Benn's model? Sir Stafford Cripps, 1934, from the catalogue of the exhibition *Wyndham Lewis Art and War*, at the Imperial War Museum until October 11 (Land Humphries, £18.50)

**W**riting about the history of the American left has long been dominated by a famous question and a famous answer. The question — why is there no socialism in the United States? — was first posed by Werner Sombart in 1906. The answer was developed in the 1950s by the "consensus" school of American historians, who argued that America, unlike its Old World forebears, was "born free" (Tocqueville's words). It had no feudal aristocracy to rebel against, and therefore no radical tradition to be elevated into class struggle once industrialisation set in. The American political tradition was a liberal one.

Radical historians of the post-1968 generation were unhappy with this answer and have produced a mountain of monographs re-examining the American left. On the whole, they have not found

## Why Perot is not a socialist

**Peter Mandler**

**THE RISE AND FALL OF THE AMERICAN LEFT**  
By John Patrick Diggins  
W.W. Norton, £15.95

the genuinely American socialism they sought, but neither have they found the consensus school's liberalism.

Instead they have uncovered a bewildering array of discontinuous and cross-cutting protest movements and parties. They have brought to light populist farmers with similarities to as well as

differences from socialist workers: waves and waves of immigrants bringing European ideas about class and ideology; black communists; Jewish trade unionists; syndicalist dockers and miners; Christian pacifists.

Above all, they have unpacked the republican tradition — the bundle of ideas about equal citizenship which the Founding Fathers shared with their European contemporaries — and found radical as well as liberal varieties that thrived among American workers at least until the 1940s. It is a messy story, but no messier than the rest of America's history.

John Diggins will have none of this. In his own idiosyncratic way,

he is a "consensus" historian *pur sang*. James Madison and John Adams figured out how to make American politics work two hundred years ago; Tocqueville came along some decades later to explain it to Europe, and the rest has been... well, commentary or error.

One obvious explanation for Diggins's position is that two-thirds of this new book consists of the largely unedited contents of an old book, a history of the American left which Diggins published in 1973. More fundamentally, however, Diggins can ignore the history-writing of the past two decades because his American left is a set of roughly Marxist philosophical positions espoused in "negation" of the

American political tradition by successive generations of intellectuals. Each generation then goes through a learning process by which it comes to love liberalism.

This is a very bizarre history of the American left, in which John Dewey is the "towering presence". Martin Luther King is of interest principally for learning from Niebuhr, and the failure of the American Communist party is attributed to its inability to recruit Sidney Hook.

The wholly new third of this book is an extended diatribe against the "academic left", those refugees of the 1960s who are now said to dominate American universities. Unlike their predecessors, these

intellectuals have not learnt from liberalism, but have clung against all reason to Marxism or moved on to wilder shores still.

Here Diggins joins the chorus of voices grossly overestimating the influence and venom of an academic left, which is after all, in Diggins's own words, simply turning out "the same kind of dense scholarly verbiage as other professors in a competitive effort to climb the greasy pole of promotion".

Diggins is anxious for the academic left to come down from the ivory tower, for American liberalism needs a left to remind it of the importance of truth and freedom. Fair enough: but if Diggins confines his search for radical vitality to writers and teachers, he is bound to be disappointed.

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## Victims of the inquisitors



Demons blindfold and muffle a Jew to hide the truth

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**SPAIN AND THE JEWS**  
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Thames & Hudson, £24

The prior of la Sisla, a rich Jeronimite monastery outside Toledo, was found to be celebrating the feast of the tabernacles. His order turned out to be a nest of "false Christians". A rabbi might be so eloquent that the entire upper class listened to his weekly sermons, as they did at Cuellar in Castile.

Jewish blood flowed in too many important places, perhaps even (through the Enriques) in the veins of King Ferdinand himself. The Burgos family of Santa María made many contributions to Christian life. But the same Santa María who had been bishop of Burgos in the mid-15th century had been born Halevy. A churchman from a similar converso family, Bishop Arias of Segovia, seems to have sponsored the first printing press in Spain. The first European to smoke tobacco, on Columbus's first voyage,

was the admiral's Jewish interpreter.

Probably the

decision of so

many Jews to

leave Spain rather

than convert was a

surprise to the

monarchs. They had many

converso courtiers.

Perhaps even they had not realised that the principal reason for the conversion of so many Jews had been fear following the appalling riots of 1391.

In the 17th century, the

economic decline of Spain

caused many to argue that the

expulsion was the single greatest disaster in Spanish life,

and that it had indeed been one of the prime causes of decay. This view was constantly repeated.

Americo Castro, in *The Structure of Spanish History*, argued that the expulsion took

away not only the tax collectors,

but the taxpayers.

Castro died in 1972 without having proved to his entire satisfaction that the Saavedras, Cervantes' mother's family, were

of Jewish origin. But he had shown that Saint Teresa of Avila was of converso origin: her brothers had gone to Venezuela against the law in order to escape being accused of Jewish origins.

Now this view that Spain's decay in the 17th century was inspired by anti-Semitism, is seen as old-fashioned. Most of the converted Jews in the cemetery of Jerez de la Frontera, Eleazar Gurwitz says in his essay, were artisans.

Elie Kedourie is right, however, when in his introduction he points out the damage caused to Spanish life after the expulsions. Year in, year out, he recalls, thousands of converted Jews "had to live with the numbing fear that some denunciation, perhaps lacking all foundation, made by a person unknown, would lead to interrogation, incarceration in the prisons of the Inquisition, condemnation following deliberation in secret conclaves, and most probably at best ruin for oneself and one's family". This affected people who had no contact even with Jewry. The Spanish Inquisition, founded in 1481 principally to deal with the Jewish question, had a stifling effect on Spanish intellectual life until its abolition in 1834.

In his essay on the Sephardim in "the safe haven for the majority of Sephardic exiles", the Ottoman empire, Aron Rodrigue recalls that Spanish policy in 1492 was the culmination of a long process of expulsions from England in 1290, France in 1394 and from many German cities in the 15th century. The country missing from this catalogue is, of course, Italy. The roots of Italian national *convivenza* are more important than, say, those of Romanian prejudice. The subject should be made the theme of a prize essay.



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## A fiend of the outback

Christina Koning

**WOMAN OF THE INNER SEA**  
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Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

Thomas Keneally has always concerned himself with the dramatisation of spiritual dilemma — most memorably in *Schindler's Ark*. His new novel too deals with guilt and suffering and the nature of evil, but on an individual, rather than a collective scale. As the sonorous title suggests, this is the chronicle of a journey which is also a Catholic spiritual quest, a form explored by Australian novelists since Patrick White.

The journey in this case is from the affluent paradise of the Australian coast, to the arid interior — the former identified with the hedonistic values of contemporary urban society, the latter with the austere morality of an earlier era: the beach versus the outback. Initially, at least, Keneally's protagonist, Kate Kozinski, is a believer in the benefits of "beach culture" — so much so that she moves with her two children out of the city to a house overlooking the beach on the outskirts of Sydney. Absorbed in her domestic Eden, she fails to notice the serpent at its heart: her adulterous husband.

In establishing this scenario, Keneally allows us no surprises. From the very first page, we know that something awful is going to happen to Kate. Within the space of the next few chapters, we learn that this is connected with Kate's children; however, the exact nature of the *faire que bafle* is left tantalisingly obscure until the end. At the moment in the narrative when the as yet unspecified catastrophe is about to occur, the novel moves forward several months to find Kate newly released from hospital after a nervous breakdown and about to embark on her voyage into the Australian heartland.

Keneally's lovingly detailed evocation of his rural hinterland, and of the small town where Kate eventually ends up, suggests a deep nostalgia on the part of the author. Kate's flight from sophisticated urban culture is in a sense a flight into the past. The underlying suggestion seems to be that the ills of modern society can be cured by reverting to the good old days, when blokes were blokes and sheilas knew their place.

The novel's celebration of "the bush" and its archetypes grows increasingly preposterous, as Kate takes up with honest "Jelly" McNeal, the glibneight expert, and his mate Gus, whose pets are (what else?) an emu and a kangaroo. So it is something of a relief when Kate is obliged to return to the big city, which proves even nastier and more corrupt than she imagined. But Keneally has his thumb, so to speak, on the novel's metaphysical scales, so that the denouement, in which the villain of the piece is revealed as even more villainous than we had been led to suppose, is predictable rather than startling.

# Mission seeks comet's secrets

The Giotto satellite, damaged when it ran into Halley, meets a second comet tomorrow. Nigel Hawkes plots its route in search of more space information

**G**iotto, the European Space Agency satellite, will pass within 300 miles of the comet Grigg-Skjellerup at about 4.25pm tomorrow. The near-miss should provide much new information about objects that have fascinated mankind for 3,000 years.

This mission is a bonus, because Giotto, built by British Aerospace, was not expected to survive its first cometary encounter in March 1986. Approaching Halley's Comet at 153,000mph, it was peppered with dust particles, which destroyed the camera but left the rest of the satellite and most of its experiments intact. At this speed, a dust particle weighing only a thousandth of a gram could cut through three inches of aluminium, so Giotto's survival was remarkable.

When contact was re-established in 1990, as Giotto's orbit brought it back towards Earth, the satellite was found to be battered but unbowed. For another £6.3 million — an absolute rip in space science terms — the astronomers got the opportunity for a second mission.

An assessment of the spacecraft's health established that seven of the 11 scientific experiments were functioning, and enough fuel was left to take Giotto into the path of a second comet. Grigg-Skjellerup hardly has the resonance of Halley, which has made its visits every 76 years at some critical moments in human history.

Giotto's observations should nevertheless be interesting. The comet was first seen by a New Zealander, John Grigg, in 1902, but was then lost until sighted again by a South African, John Skjellerup, in 1922. The orbit takes only five years and the comet is believed to be much older and smaller than Halley. The

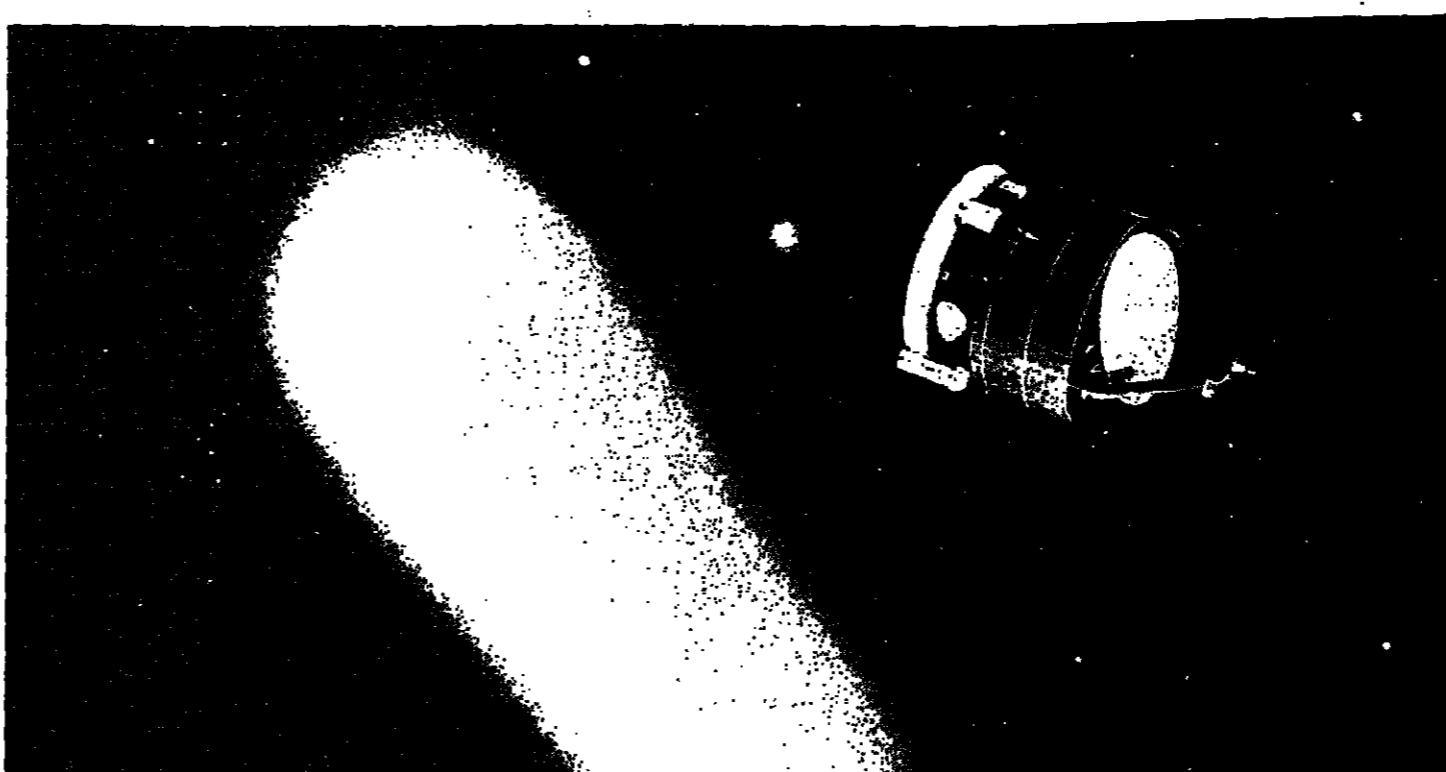
meeting with Giotto, 133 million miles from Earth, will be the culmination of a journey of nearly four billion miles since launch seven years ago.

Grigg-Skjellerup belongs to a class of comets whose orbit around the Sun is in the same direction as the planets. Giotto's approach speed, therefore, will be much slower, a mere nine miles a second. Observations of Grigg-Skjellerup show that it has a compact nucleus only a mile or so wide, and a modest tail of dust and plasma, or ionised gas. The encounter will be a less bruising one than in 1986, but Giotto could still be damaged.

The dust shield designed to protect the spacecraft cannot now be pointed in the best direction to fend off dust particles, so some of the remaining instruments could be damaged. By that time, however, the astronomers hope to have gathered the information they need. "It is an opportunity we would not have dared to dream of when we were designing and building our experiment in the early 1980s," says John Zarnecki,

of Kent University, a member of the team responsible for the dust impact detection system. "Giotto was a daring mission for the European Space Agency, which had never undertaken an interplanetary space mission on its own. We could barely imagine the encounter with Halley, let alone the wild possibility that, nearly six years after Giotto should have ended its life, it would be embarking on a second kamikaze mission."

British scientists are among the luckier ones, as both the Kent University experiment and the plasma analyser from the Mullard Space Science Laboratory of University College London are in work-



Closing in: Giotto nears Halley's Comet. Below: Honoré Daumier cartooned 19th-century fears that comets would strike Earth

## At high speed, dust could cut through aluminium

ing order. The greatest loss is that the colour camera that provided images of the comet is not functioning, because a part was dislodged in the encounter and now obscures the lens. The remaining experiments should add to scientific understanding of comets.

The nucleus is a frozen mass of gas and dust, the "dirty snowball". As a comet approaches the Sun, the heat evaporates material from the side closest to it, creating the tail as the material boils off. The dust forms a yellow tail, the plasma a bluish tail, and both are brightest when the comet reaches perihelion, the point on its orbit when it is closest to the Sun.

One of the most striking findings in the Halley encounter was the extreme blackness of the cometary nucleus. The observations showed it was blacker than coal, consisting of a layer of porous material,

## 'Opportunity we would not have dared to dream of'

probably too heavy to be boiled off by the Sun's heat. Tomorrow Giotto should gather new data to enable comparisons to be drawn between an active comet such as Halley and the quieter Grigg-Skjellerup, which is more typical of most comets. The relatively slow fly-by will also allow more detailed mapping of the regions in the plasma tail, and the boundaries between them, caused by the interaction between the plasma and the solar wind, high-speed particles from the Sun.

Assessing how closely Giotto has approached the comet will be difficult, because the camera is no longer working. The mission scientists hope the Kent University experiment will give some indications. The dust model prepared after the Halley encounter has been updated with figures for Grigg-

Skjellerup that should enable predictions of the dust impact rate, and thus a calculation of how far away the spacecraft is.

The first indication of the comet's proximity, however, is likely to come from the University College plasma experiment, which will measure solar wind, and the velocity of the ions derived from the ice in the nucleus of the comet. The way in which the solar wind interacts with the comet is expected to be quite different from what was observed during the Halley mission six years ago.

Space enthusiasts can watch the approach live tomorrow on BBC2.

## UPDATE A variety of choices

WHICH species has the most varied sex life? According to Ted Fleming, a biologist from the University of Miami, it is the cardon cactus, one of the largest of cactus species. He has found male, female, hermaphrodites and neuter cardons, which seems to cover most of the available possibilities.

Of the cardons in his study area, Dr Fleming found that 24 per cent were true hermaphrodites (as most cacti are), 43 per cent were female, 29 per cent male and three per cent neuter. Why such a variety? He does not know, but wonders whether the cardon may be in the process of evolving into a species with two sexes.

### Great scope

GALILEO, the pioneer of telescopes, made his lenses as perfect as he could, according to a re-examination made by the Italian National Optics Institute in Florence and reported in this week's issue of *Nature*. Giuseppe Molesini and two colleagues used lasers to examine the surface finish of four lenses in two surviving telescopes and a single lens mounted in an ivory holder, all of which belonged to Galileo. They were impressed by the quality of the lenses, whose performance was restricted only by the wave properties of light.

The study may cast light on what exactly Galileo could have seen of the solar system when he used the lenses in the late 17th century. He observed Jupiter's moons and came to the conclusion that the Earth must orbit the Sun, not vice versa.

### Hello, hello ..

A SEARCH by Australian astronomers for signs of intelligent life in outer space has so far drawn a blank. David Blair of the University of Western Australia reports in *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*. Using the 210-ft Parkes radio telescope in New South Wales, Professor Blair and colleagues looked at 176 targets, mainly stars similar to the Sun which might have planetary systems. No intelligent signals were found. "If technological life is more sparse than we think," he says, "it could be a long time before we make contact."

### TV levels

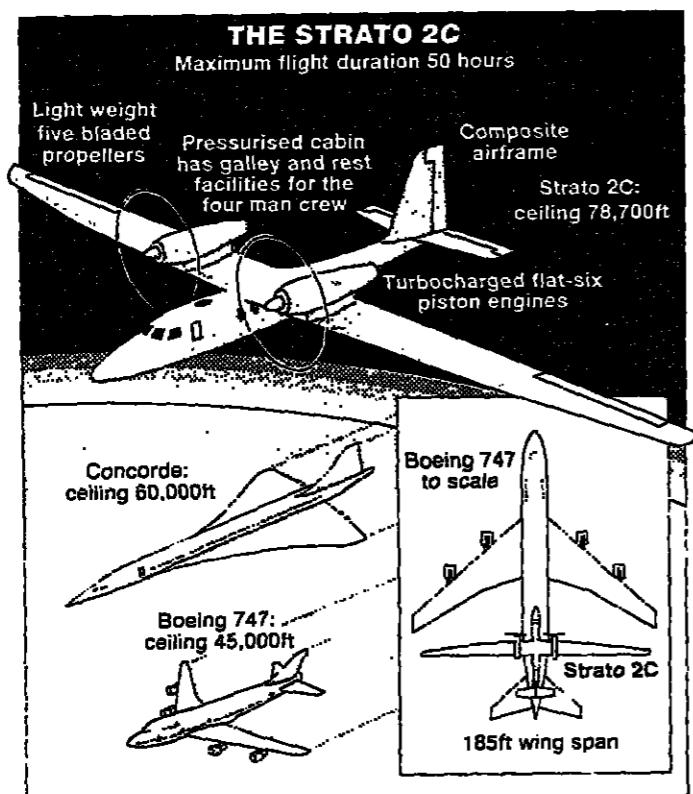
ONE OF the best predictors of cholesterol levels in the bloodstream of American children is how much television they watch, a report in the journal *Pediatrics* concludes. Researchers from the University of California at Irvine looked at 1,081 children aged between two and 20 years, and found that 8 per cent had a cholesterol level of 200 milligrams or higher, a level considered too high in adults.

Of those 53 per cent said they watched television two or more hours daily. Children were twice as likely to have high cholesterol levels if they watched two to four hours of television a day, and four times as likely if they watched more than four hours.

### Heated sea

THREE large underwater volcanoes have been found north-east of New Zealand. Ian Wright, a geologist from the Oceanic Institute, said the discovery linked a series of four above-ground volcanoes on North Island with an active volcanic island and a known chain of submarine volcanoes off the east coast. The new volcanoes lie in 7,546 ft of water in an area about 124 miles northeast of Auckland.

Two are inactive, but the biggest, 5,249 ft high and with a base diameter of 11 miles, is active and rivals some on-shore volcanoes in size. Six other volcanoes were found in 1963 by the New Zealand navy in the same area. The last known large eruption of one of them was in July 1986 when a Japanese fishing boat reported seeing rising steam and a sulphur slick.



## Loitering at a great height

Detailed studies of ozone depletion over Antarctica, together with other ecological, environmental and oceanographic work, will be made easier when a radical ultra-long-endurance stratospheric research aircraft now being built in Germany begins to operate in three years' time.

Burkhardt Grob Flugzeugbau, a light aircraft manufacturer, is developing the Strato 2C under a DM 75 million (£25.75 million) contract for the federal ministry for research and technology.

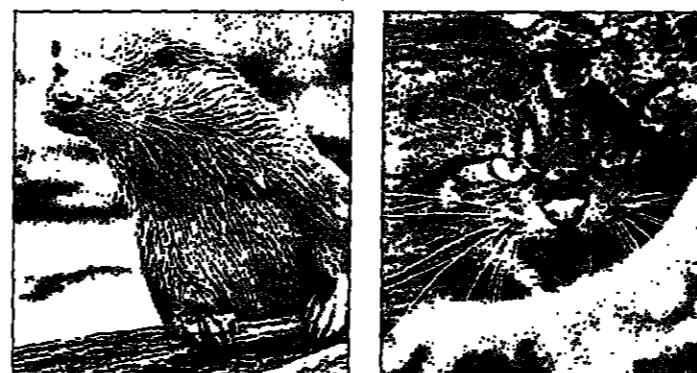
Though powered by two conventional piston engines of only 400 bhp each, it will be able to carry a crew of two pilots and two scientific observers to operating altitudes approaching 80,000ft, remain airborne for up to 50 hours and fly more than half-way around the world non-stop.

Studying the ozone layer, it could fly 2,000 miles from a base in Chile to the South Pole, climb to the design altitude of 78,700ft and spend eight hours at that height before returning. It could do the same thing over the North Pole from a base in Europe.

This performance is made possible by the use of reinforced plastic materials, which produce a light but strong aircraft, and a radical compound propulsion system. The aerodynamic principles of high-performance sailplanes and motor gliders are used in the Strato 2C. They include the use of a low wing loading and a high-lift laminar airfoil section to avoid the necessity of flying fast in the thin air of the stratosphere, together with very long and slender wings to minimise induced aerodynamic

## Europeans a criticised species

Continental and British zoos are to co-ordinate species breeding programmes



Rare sights: the otter and Scottish wildcat are both in trouble

form, largely because of breeding with domestic cats.

Dr Miranda Stevenson, conference organiser and head curator at Edinburgh Zoo, says she is forced to agree with Dr Seal's assessment but hopes that the ground rules being agreed at this week's meeting will help ease the plight of European rare species.

Following the British lead, Europe-wide groups are being established to protect the interests of individual taxons, or biological categories of species.

Where a particular taxon, such as the felids, includes a threatened indigenous species, such as the Scottish wildcat or the Iberian lynx, it will be given priority. This will

not mean the end of European zoos running breeding programmes for more exotic species, but should mean a little more attention to what Dr Seal would call "cleaning up our own back yard. A little late, it's getting slow, a little retarded, but it's getting there".

But while European species conservationists might be growing less self-righteous, and are keen to establish functional breeding networks, it will not be plain sailing.

Zoos around the world have faced radical change over the past ten years, from places where people came to look at animals to centres of conservation and education. The change has been fast, and as the

current problems facing London Zoo show, not all will make it.

Those in the newly independent Eastern bloc countries face more problems than most. Representatives from zoos in Russia, Hungary and Lithuania who had wanted to attend the Edinburgh meeting had to pull out because of lack of funds. A Polish representative who had been expected to do the same arrived at the last minute, with just £5 to his name.

Maintaining a viable breeding group of any rare species means making fullest use of animal resources and cage space, with zoos swapping animals along carefully co-ordinated lines. However, Kristina Tomastova, from Dvur Kralove Zoo near Prague, says that while they are keen to join in such programmes they need to sell, not swap, their animals in order to survive financially.

Dr Stevenson says this idea is unlikely to get a positive response from Western conservation groups. There are, she says, better ways to offer support, for example covering all transportation costs, the main burden of all animal exchanges.

But despite these hitches the mood of the conference is one of optimism.

It is estimated that 6,000 species could become extinct in the wild over the next 100 years. The CBSG believes that with enough determination none need be lost altogether.

CAROLINE DEMPSTER

## Counting the creatures of the forest

A team of British scientists expects to find new species, particularly of insects, in a study of a South American rain forest

Biodiversity, long championed by environmentalists, is finally enjoying its moment in the sun. Nigel Hawkes writes. Suddenly everybody, but President Bush wants to defend the Earth's stock of species, down to the last ant or spider. But nobody knows how many species there are.

A British expedition in central Guyana, co-ordinated by Dr Mike Gillman and Dr Maria Johnston of the Open University, may produce some of the answers. Between now and the end of November, 22 scientists in a variety of disciplines will look at bats, mammals, birds, insects and plants in a phased programme to measure biodiversity in the Iwokrama rain forest, an almost undisturbed 360,000-hectare area where a sustainable forest programme has been started with help from the Commonwealth Secretariat.

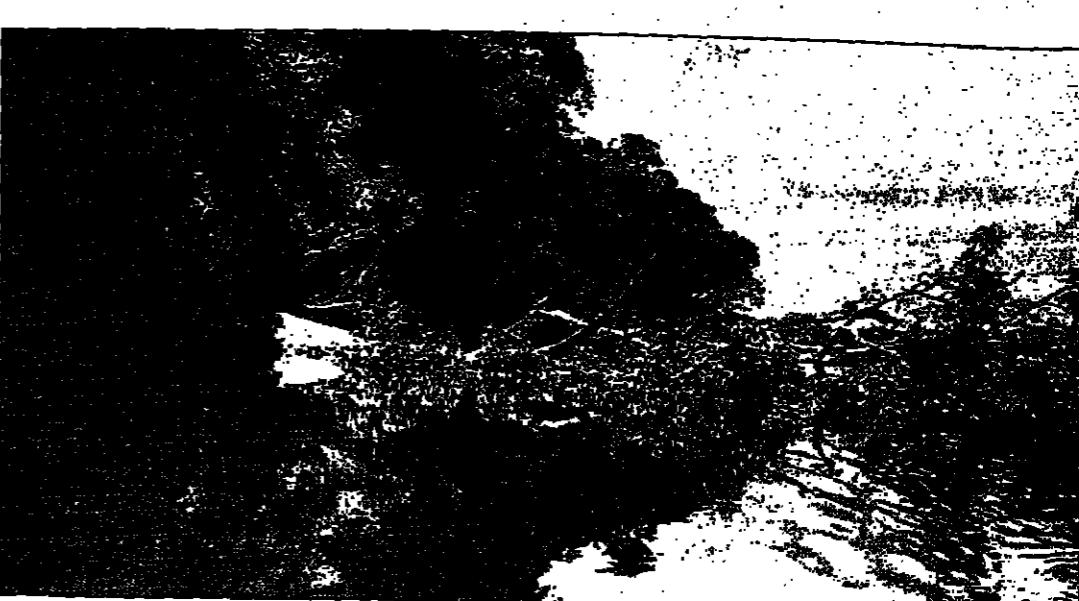
Dr Gillman explains that at present nobody can say what sustainable means when applied to the species living in the forest.

He asks: "Is it possible to tell 10 per cent of the trees without

reducing the variety of species? Which trees are the most critical? We do not know. In the long term we would like to carry out experiments to discover the answers, but the immediate objective is simply to establish what there is there."

The scientists will first identify five or six distinct areas in the forest with different vegetation and morphology. Within every area they will identify zones of one hectare that are typical of the area as a whole. Within every hectare counts will be made of mammals and insects. The scientists will study the variety of trees and observe which are fruiting. To identify and count mammals and marsupials, 250 traps will be set in every square hectare and the creatures caught will be counted and marked. They will then be freed, and from the proportion caught a second time, an estimate of the total population can be made.

Densities of animals are expected to be low, but the same cannot be said of insects. A naturalist who visited the area in the 1930s said there were 1,000 species of butterfly



alone, against 59 in the whole of the UK. Insects will be counted and identified by a more brutal method. A fog of insecticide will be released through the forest canopy and the rain of insects pouring down will be caught. Dr Nigel Stalk, at the Natural History Museum in London, will be responsible for identifying the huge number of specimens sent back.

A similar experiment in the

Brunei rain forest, covering only ten trees, found 20,000 insects belonging to 2,500 different species. So far, in the entire world, a total of a million insect species have been described, but a further five to seven million species are thought to remain undiscovered, about 40 per cent of them beetles.

So the Guyana expedition seems certain to discover many new species, examples of which will be deposited in institutes in Guyana to build up national collections.

Ultimately, Dr Gillman would like to continue the work by investigating how sensitive all these species are to disruption. Then, for the first time, sensible estimates of the likely loss of biodiversity from tree-felling or other forest disturbance may be possible. Dr Gillman says that will take at least five years and require substantial funding.

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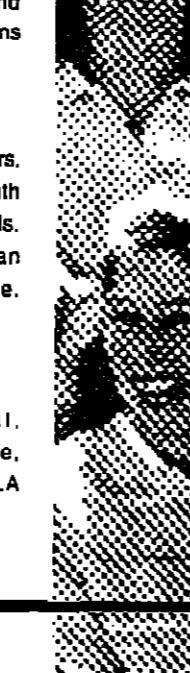
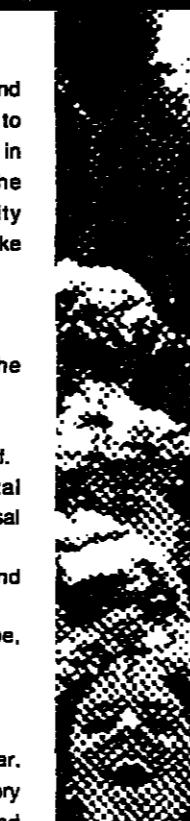
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seminars and induction material to ensure that staff are kept up to date with pay issues.

Applicants must have relevant experience and a broad understanding of current issues of pay and remuneration. This may have been gained either in industry, as an academic, as a consultant, or a combination of similar backgrounds and experience of both public and private sectors would be an advantage. Your enquiring analytical mind, combined with the ability to present complex information effectively will be important, as will a high level of interpersonal skills and the resourcefulness to initiate and develop a work programme which will enhance the operation of the Office.

This post will be on a 2 or 3 year contract with the possibility of extension. A secondment from elsewhere in the public sector, or from the private sector, would be welcome, if desired. Salary will be in the range £26,129 to £30,823 including inner London weighting. More may be available for an exceptional candidate. Relocation assistance may be available.

For further details and an application form (to be returned by 24th July 1992) write to Recruitment & Assessment Services, Alencon Link, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1JB or telephone Basingstoke (0256) 468551. Please quote ref B/1647.



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To £20k

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Please write in the first instance to Bill Peach at Randall Massey Consultants, 7 Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Road, Dorcan, Swindon, Wilts SN3 5HY. Fax: (0793) 531215. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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## NEWS INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS MARKETING & CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the development of the Advertisement Marketing Department three new roles have been created. The successful candidates will be part of a team of six reporting to the Advertisement Marketing Manager.

The positions offer the chance to work across all five national newspaper titles, their regional editions/sections and two colour supplements. With products as varied as The Times and The Sun a keen interest and understanding of the newspaper industry would be an advantage. - The faint hearted need not apply !!

### MARKETING EXECUTIVE

Working with one other person the ideal applicant will proactively analyse and interpret the vast resource of media and market research data that we currently collect and purchase. Having identified new areas of opportunity the preparation of business and marketing plans for senior management will encourage the translation of your concepts into profits. You are likely to be a graduate (or equivalent) with at least two years experience in an advertising/marketing environment and so have a good understanding of the media owner-advertising agency-client relationship. The ability to communicate at all levels, computer literacy and a head for figures would all be advantageous qualities.

### TWO GRAPHIC ARTISTS

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EILEEN WILKIE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (ADVERTISING),  
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Reply in the first instance by sending your full CV in complete confidence to GORDON HAYES Drake International, Chesham House, 138 Regent Street, London, W1R 0FA or FAX to 071 434 1255. Applications close Friday 10th July 1992.

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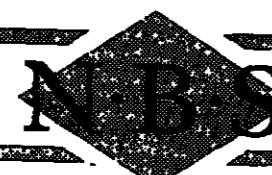
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**QUALIFICATIONS**

- ◆ Technical degree, probably engineering. Aged 35-45. Professional sales skills and marketing flair. Proven success in capital goods sales to export markets.
- ◆ Knowledge of processing industries, ideally food. Man-management experience. Profit, not volume, oriented.
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- ◆ Age 35+, bright graduate with well proven commercial skills.
- ◆ Sound technical or commercial background in upstream industry, plus minimum five years in international negotiations with an oil company.
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International Telecommunications

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Your role will be to develop worldwide major account management specifically within the financial services sector. Ideally a graduate in electronics engineering or IT related subject and aged 30-40, you will have a minimum of five years technical sales exposure gained in a hi-tech environment, preferably in the telecommunications sector. A profile which includes at

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least two years of international telecommunications experience would be particularly advantageous. You should also have a good knowledge of spoken and written French sufficient to attain fluency quickly and the drive, determination and potential to take advantage of the opportunities created within this fast moving organisation.

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## Product Marketing Manager

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with first class business marketing skills, a good understanding of PC technology and ideally, portable products. Their experience should have provided them with a vision of how the portable market is likely to develop. Candidates should be in their early 30's with a degree and, probably, further business training. They should be mobile, naturally communicative and possess well developed influencing and negotiation skills.

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If you believe that you have the skills and experience to have a significant impact on the company, please reply in writing to:

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## Strike-out move made too late

**Halliday v Shoosmith and Another**  
Before Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Belknap  
[Judgment June 30]

An application to strike out a defence on the grounds that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action or was vexatious and frivolous should not, save in most exceptional circumstances be entertained by the judge at the time of the opening of the trial of the action.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Charles Victor Shoosmith, from Mr Justice Mervyn Davies.

In October 1990, the judge had upheld an application by the plaintiff, Mr Gordon Halliday, made at the outset of the trial, to strike out the defence. An order was made remitting the case for trial by a different judge.

Mr Michael Nield, who did not appear below, for the defendant, Mr Michael Sook, for the plaintiff.

**LORD JUSTICE BELKAMP** said that the defendant was the nephew of Sir Sopp who had died in 1987 at the age of 84.

By a will that she had made in 1984 he had been named as her sole beneficiary.

By 1985 the plaintiff, a gas

meter reader, had become a regular visitor to Mrs Sopp's house and in 1986 she had executed a will leaving her estate to him.

By a will issued in 1988 the plaintiff asked the court to pronounce in favour of that 1986 will. By a defence served in July 1989 the defendant contested that will, putting forward the 1984 will.

The case came before the judge on October 16, 1990 and, after it had been called on, Mr Sook made his application to strike out the defence on the grounds that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action or was vexatious and frivolous within the meaning of Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Unfortunately this issue had arisen, which the appellate court was not in a position to decide, as to whether counsel then appearing for the defendant had consented to the judge dealing with the application.

However the judge, clearly believing that counsel had consented, went on to consider the application and to look at documents including medical reports from doctors who had attended Mrs Sopp.

Basing himself on those reports, he struck out the defence, rejecting the defendant's suggestions that Mrs Sopp was not of sound mind when she made the 1986 will.

lacked knowledge, or was under undue influence. He held that the plaintiff succeeded in having the 1986 will upheld.

Mr Nield argued that the judge ought not to have entertained the striking-out application when the action was just about to be tried and the defendant had incurred all the costs of preparation for trial.

Mr Sook replied that Order 18, rule 19(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court gave the court a discretion to strike out any pleading or anything in any pleading at any stage, even during the trial.

But his Lordship said, unless counsel did clearly and unequivocally agree that the judge should hear the application, it was one at that stage with the greatest caution and he should only have acceded to it in the clearest and most obvious case.

Doubtless the judge thought that as the estate was not large it would be of benefit to all if he proceeded to hear the application on the basis of the evidence contained in the documents.

But to strike out the defence without giving the defendant the opportunity to support his allegations was a draconian step to take.

Such an application should be made at the earliest opportunity and the court should not hear it at the eleventh hour save in exception.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed.

Solicitors: Triggs Turner, Guildford; Hart Brown & Co., Guildford.

## Two-man tribunal properly constituted

**Comber v Harmony Inns Ltd**  
Before Mr Justice Wood, Mrs M. L. Boyle and Mr R. H. Phillips  
[Judgment June 24]

An industrial tribunal consisting of a chairman and one lay member was properly constituted for the purpose of hearing an application alleging unfair dismissal, although consent to the absence of one lay member had been given only by the applicant, the respondents having failed to enter an appearance.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held in allowing an appeal by the applicant, John Anthony Comber, from the decision of the chairman, of the London (South) Industrial Tribunal.

The chairman had issued a certificate of correction deeming null and void, for lack of jurisdiction, the tribunal's decision that Mr Comber had been unfairly dismissed by the respondents, Harmony Inns Ltd.

Mr Anthony Bradley for Mr Comber the respondents in person.

**MJ JUSTICE WOOD** said that rule 9(9) of the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1985 No 16),

under which the certificate of correction was made, did not apply to a situation where the problem was whether a tribunal had been properly constituted and, therefore, whether there was jurisdiction to make a decision.

The validity of the tribunal's decision depended on a proper construction of regulation 5(1) of the Industrial Tribunals (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 1985 No 1101), as substituted by the Industrial Tribunals (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regula-

tions (SI 1987 No 301), and rule 3 of the 1985 Regulations.

Under rule 3 if no appearance was entered the respondent had no right to take part in the proceedings, except for a few limited matters.

Regulation 5(1) provided that "an appeal", which should be taken to include applications before the industrial tribunal, "may, with the consent of the parties, be heard in the absence of" one lay member.

Clearly, it would be preferable in

circumstances such as had arisen in the present case, where one lay member had failed to arrive for the hearing, for the hearing to be adjourned.

But, on a strict understanding of the regulation, if the respondent was not entitled to take any part then he should not be considered to be a party to the hearing for which consent was given for the tribunal to consist of a chairman and one lay member.

Solicitors: Gordon Doctors & Walton, Walworth.

## Visitors not 'resident'

Cotgreave and Another v Cheshire County Council

Elderly people who came with their carers only during the day to a residential home registered under the Registered Homes Act 1984 were not "resident" there.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice McCowan) held on June 22 in allowing an appeal by rule 9(9) of the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1985 No 16),

that the defendants were charged, *inter alia*, with carrying on a home on November 23, 1989 at Hinderton Mount Residential Home, Neston, Cheshire, in that the number of persons for whom residential accommodation with board and personal care was provided as contained in the registration certificate was exceeded.

The justices found that on November 23 there were 21 elderly residents in the home for whom accommodation with board and care was being provided and that there were also 10 day patients with five carers from the Hoylake Cottage Hospital, which was shut temporarily.

The justices found that overnight accommodation was not required to establish residence and that having been satisfied that the day patients were resident it followed that the certified number of 21 had been exceeded.

In his Lordship's judgment, those 10 people were not resident and the appeal would be allowed.

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Chancery Division

## Assignees of deposits can claim

Depositors Protection Fund v Dalia and Another

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment July 3]

Assignees of deposits in an insolvent bank were entitled to claim compensation from the deposit protection fund where the assignments were made after the presentation of the petition to wind up the bank but before July 31, 1991 when the Banking Act 1987 (Measuring of Deposit Order) (SI 1991 No 1776) came into force.

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, so held on an originating summons issued in the Chancery Division by the Deposit Protection Board seeking relief against Mrs Varsha Dalia and Barclays Bank plc.

Mr John Jarvis, QC and Mr Jonathan Nash for the board; Lord Irvine



## BBC1

6.00 Cefax (18539) 6.30 Breakfast News (50714354)  
9.05 Klroy on the Costa. Robert Klroy-Silk, in Marbella, chairs a discussion on the future of Gibraltar between people from Spain and Gibraltar and their politicians (765197) 9.50 Holiday Outings. David Jessel takes a fly-drive holiday to Malaysia (9710538)  
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4413489) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (9) (8117606) 10.25 Bananaman. Animation (9) (4483248) 10.35 Showbiz. People. Tim Grundy talks to David Frost about videos and Cynthia Payne about exotic parties and goes behind the scenes of Top of the Pops (7477359)  
11.00 News, regional news and weather (6163575) 11.05 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (9). (Cefax) (5) (7467625) 11.50 Travel Show UK Mini Guide. What St Andrews has to offer the holidaymaker besides golf (9) (9612183)  
12.00 News, regional news and weather (5423354) 12.05 Summer Scene. Magazine series presented by Caron Keating and Linda Mitchell from the National Garden Festival, Ebbsy Vale. Today's guests include actor Jimmy Nail (6278170) 12.55 Regional News and Weather (70273083)  
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Cefax) Weather (57915) 1.30 Neighbours. (Cefax) (9) (3984286)  
1.50 Ever Thought of Sport? Learning to dive and where to learn (99914373) 2.20 Still Standing. Profiles of Cedil and Eileen Clark who have been teaching ballroom dancing in Belfast for more than 40 years (9) (7931712) Wales; (6) (404 Langollen 92 and Cricket 2.00 Cricket. Live coverage of one of the second-round matches (51180373)  
2.50 After Hours. Entertainment magazine (6250593)  
3.15 The Broly. Animation for the very young (9) (7346402)  
3.30 Cricket. Further live coverage of a second-round match in the NatWest Bank Trophy. Includes News and weather at 2.00 (82915)  
3.00 News and weather (4279625) followed by Westminster Live (7775335) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (1247354)  
4.00 Cricket. The closing session of one of today's NatWest Bank Trophy second-round matches (3303809)  
7.30 Business Matters: The Cheque is in the Post. Tonight's film follows a small subcontractor in the construction industry as he struggles to collect money due to him from big companies that cannot or will not pay. (Cefax) (977)

## BBC2

6.45 Open University: Science—Rats and Super Rats (7636847). Ends at 7.10. 8.00 Breakfast News (9412422)  
8.15 Westminster (3658151)  
9.00 Hong Kong: the Last Governor. Live from Hong Kong, the arrival and swearing-in of the new, and last, governor of the colony, Chris Patten (1132712)  
9.40 Ghost Train. A journey by InterCity into the world of the supernatural, meeting a variety of people who have experienced paranormal phenomena (9). (Cefax) (2055489)  
10.20 Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of one of today's best-of-60-overs NatWest Bank Trophy second-round matches (51180373)  
12.50 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (215809) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in a small Australian outback town (9) (207889)  
2.15 The Green Life Guide. Environmental advice from Dilly Barlow and Alastair MacDonald (33489) 2.45 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (4082118)  
3.10 ITN News headlines (420773) 3.15 Thanes News headlines (4206002) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in a large Austrian city hospital (7695038)  
3.50 Sports News. (562489) 3.55 Huxley Pig. Animation (9) (133151) 4.05 T-Bag and the Pearls of Wisdom. Children's comedy drama starring Georgina Hale (9) (6330830) 4.30 Rolfs Cannon Club. Rolf Harris looks at the world of animation (9) (542) 5.00 Cartoons. Time (807002)  
5.10 Who's the Boss? American comedy series (712278)  
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (701915)  
5.55 Thanes Help (9) (564928)  
6.00 Home and Away (9). (Oracle) (267)  
6.30 Thanes News. (Oracle) (847)  
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (2506)  
7.30 The Full Treatment. Includes a look at the rise in malaria cases among British holidaymakers; and the link between traffic fumes and asthma (9) (731)



Fitness challenge: racing driver Martin Brundle (8.00pm)

8.00 On the Line. Investigative sports magazine presented by John Fashanu. This week's subjects include the claims of high-energy drinks; racing driver Martin Brundle challenging other British sportsmen to prove they are fitter than a Formula One driver; a look at the golf boom in this country that has left a million would-be golfers with nowhere to play; and varsity cricket — do Oxford and Cambridge students deserve to do battle with the professional counties? (2880)  
8.30 Wildlife Showcase: Into the Blue. The debate about the keeping of dolphins in captivity. (Cefax) (1915)  
9.00 The Travel Show. Paddy Haycock visits southern Cyprus and Carol Smillie is in north Devon (8809)  
9.30 Pandora's Box: Black Power.  
CHOICE: Tonight's cautionary tale about investing too much hope in modern science is about the rise and fall of Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana, Africa's first black prime minister. Nkrumah believed that by harnessing electrical power from a giant dam on the Volta river he could turn Ghana into a modern industrial state within a generation. There was nothing wrong with the technology. Nkrumah's grand design was torn apart by politics, economics and corruption. The Volta dam project became a casualty of the Cold War, as the United States tried to mark out Ghana as a sphere of influence. When Nkrumah no longer served this purpose the CIA helped to topple him. Daniel Reed's film maintains the quality of the series, giving due weight to a serious story but lightening the narrative with the occasional satirical dart. (Cefax) (59353)  
10.30 Newswatch with Sue Cameron (501422)  
11.15 Cricket. Highlights from one of today's NatWest Bank Trophy second-round matches (472606) 11.55 Weather (302460)  
12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the Open University's programmes (3469774)  
12.05am Open University: Resource Constraints (1273126). Ends at 12.35



Football star: Warren Beatty returns to earth (10.55pm)

10.55 Film Heaven Can Wait (1978) starring Warren Beatty, James Mason and Julie Christie. Pallid remake of a famous Hollywood fantasy. Here Comes Mr Jordan, with Beatty as an American footballer who is called to his maker too soon, sent back to earth and then assumes the body of another person. As well as starring, Beatty wrote the script with Elaine May and co-directed with Buck Henry (41209083)  
12.35am Weather (413236)

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